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'DENIAL' POLICY REVELATIONS IN CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT UNDER FIRE

SIR JEREMY'S APOLOGIA FOR UNCOMMON TIMES

Prof. Ranga Asks Why U. S. And Britain Should Not Share Huge Cost Of Indian Aerodromes

In the course of the debate on the report of the Public Accounts Committee for 1942-43 in the Central Assembly budget session, which opened on Thursday, Mr. Mohamed Nauman. (Muslim League) referred to instances of public expenditure and said there was on paper a certain bridge in Assam, which was supposed to have been built and subsequently demolished due to defence requirements, costing lakhs of Rupees, but actually there was no bridge built and, therefore, none demolished!

After the Finance Member Sir Jeremy Raisman's reply the Assembly passed the amendment moved by Mr. T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar (Congress).

DETAILED PROCEEDINGS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

The Central Assembly resumed the debate on the report of the Public Accounts Committee for 1942-43.

Mr. T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar (Congress) had moved an amendment during the last session declaring that as grave irregularities had been observed in the expenditure of large amounts in War Publicity and other matters, steps should be taken immediately to put down these irregularities. Continuing his speech, he asked what steps had Government taken on the Auditor-General's report. The expenditure on War Publicity had been an open scandal and it had been admitted by the Auditor-General that he had the greatest difficulty in obtaining satisfactory accounts from the Provinces. In fact the Auditor-General had stated that he would have been satisfied if the expenditure had been marked Secret Services Expenditure which would require no auditing.

BENGAL 'DENIAL' POLICY UNDER FIRE

The Government of Bengal, Mr. Chettiar said, as the agents of the Central Government had mismanaged funds to the tune of three crores of rupees in the execution of the Denial Policy. In regard to the payment of allowances to non-Indian evacuees it was stated that H. M. G. would bear the expenditure, but now it appeared in certain cases they were refusing to pay the money on the grounds that there were not sufficient proofs of payments made or proof of the nationality of the evacuees. According to the Auditor-General the standard of proof demanded from the Government of India was such that it was impossible to make payments.

The report revealed that there were deliberate fabrication and falsification of accounts.

PLEA FOR MORE TIME

Mr. Azhar Ali, a member of the Public Accounts Committee, said that formerly they were given two months' time to scrutinise the public accounts but now they were given hardly 15 days. He urged that more time should be given to the Committee to examine the accounts.

NOBODY KNEW WHAT HAPPENED!

Mr. K. C. Neogy demanded a fuller inquiry into the "astounding muddle in connection with the Denial measures in Bengal."

Quoting the Auditor-General's statement before the Committee Mr. Neogy said that things ranging from cycles to elephants were taken away and nobody knew what happened to them afterwards. It was not boats alone that were taken away.

There was terrific confusion in the payment of compensation for lands acquired for airfields. The Provincial Government under a certain rule authorised some of their Treasuries to pay money to carry out the Denial measures. No signatures were obtained for the money paid and in many cases even the identity of the recipients had not been established! Mr. Neogy said that it might be argued that circumstances were extraordinary and normal precautions could not be taken then. But the Auditor-General was of the view that there was no justification for the payment of lakhs and lakhs of rupees without receipt or proper authority.

GOVERNOR RESPONSIBLE— NOT MINISTRY

Mr. Neogy absolved the Bengal Ministry which, he said, had no part in the Denial measures. It was the late Governor of Bengal, who was responsible for the irregularities.

CHAPMAN DEFENDS GOVERNOR

Mr. Chapman Mortimer (European Group) said it was a monstrous accusation that the late Sir John Herbert was responsible for the irregularities mentioned about Bengal. Having regard to the difficulties which the Government had to face, he thought that the control of the Finance Department was on the whole satisfactory. He was, however, against the submission of Supplementary Demands after the Budget had been disposed of. He realised that at a time when the Japanese were at the gates of India it was out of the question to have strict control over public expenditure. Obviously many things had to be done speedily and often not in an economical way. But at the same time there was an increasing tendency on the part of certain Departments to spend money after the budget had been sanctioned and ask for Supplementary Grants later. Apart from essential war expenditure he asked whether Government should go on spending money in other direction?

In regard to the charge of corruption Mr. Mortimer said that critics should see the other side of the medal also. Corruption and dishonesty were not confined to the officials only.

ASTOUNDING REVELATION

Mr. Mohammed Nauman (Moslem League) complained that details of the evidence led before the Committee were not made available to the members with the result that even the 'post-mortem' examination of the Committee was without the full dead body.

He referred to instances of public expenditure and said that there was on paper a certain bridge in Assam which was supposed to have been built and subsequently demolished due to defence requirements costing lakhs of Rupees, but actually there was no bridge built and, therefore, none demolished.

COST OF AERODROMES

Prof. N. G. Ranga stressed the need for strengthening the Audit Department. The Finance Department, it seemed to him, was a helpless witness to the reckless spending of the various Departments. He also found that the Finance Department had entered into agreements involving big expenditure with H. M. G. without reference to the Assembly. He referred to the expenditure of Rs. 60 crores for the construction of air fields and asked at what stage Government consulted the House.

The Committee was evidently satisfied with the enormous expenditure but how was it that it was charged to India alone while Britain and the United States were also interested in the construction of those air fields?

He thought it was a breach of constitutional propriety to incur such huge expenditure without consulting the Audit Department and not only had the Central Government relaxed regulations in that manner but their example had been followed by some Provincial Governments also.

Prof. Ranga condemned certain transactions of the Supply Department which, he said, had become a white elephant and had created a new Zamindari system. One man secured the contracts, then 10 middlemen intervened; and it was the twelfth who executed the order. Contracts were given orally.

The Finance Department, Prof Ranga continued, seemed to have given a "carte blanche" to the Defence Department. He urged the Government to agree to the appointment of a Committee of non-officials to suggest ways and means for the strengthening of the Finance Department and to control the various spending Departments.

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed said that the second volume of the Public Accounts Committee containing the evidence should also have been made available to the members in order to enable them to appreciate the position better.

Sir Ziauddin said that he had received numerous complaints from Burmese evacuees who were receiving financial assistance in this country that they were not properly treated. He urged that Government should investigate such complaints.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai condemned instances of execution of contracts without proper documents.

STINGINESS IN WRONG PLACE

Mr. Fazli-Haq Piracha (Muslim League) pointed out that the Public Accounts Committee was provided with reports one year later than was possible. Many Departments, moreover, had ceased to publish their reports. He asked how the Audit Department, which had complained of lack of adequate staff, could expect to secure qualified men if they offered Rs. 55 and Rs. 75 which was equal to Rs. 25 these days, and which was half what other Departments of Government paid their staff.

Sir Jeremy's Reply

The Finance Member Sir Jeremy Raisman in the course of his reply to the points raised during the debate said that he had no objection to Mr. Chettiar's amendment.

He welcomed the interest of the House and he was prepared entirely to accept the views of the House in regard to the extreme desirability of taking adequate action.

He would, however, remind the House that it was dealing with the accounts of 1942/43. Thank God, they were now in a position in which it was quite difficult to visualise the state of mind that prevailed in the twelve months from April, 1942, to

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Sarojini Meets Gandhiji

SEVAGRAM, Feb. 8.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu met Mahatma Gandhi and acquainted him with the political situation in Bengal, Madras and Bombay. She is also understood to have related her experiences in the recent tours undertaken by her. She had discussions with Dr. Syed Mahmud as well on the communal problem.

It is learnt that there has been improvement in her heart trouble.

Mrs. Naidu left for Hyderabad this evening.

RELEASE OF INDIAN LEADERS

Labour Party's Move For Deputation To Premier

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON Feb. 8.

At its meeting yesterday, the Labour Party Parliamentary Committee decided to refer to its Administrative Committee the proposal for sending a deputation to the Premier for discussing the Indian situation and demanding the release of political prisoners.

Viceroy Discussing All-Party Delegation Project?

LONDON, Feb. 7: Indian political circles here are watching with greatest interest the meeting between the Viceroy and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai. While only the bare announcement of the meeting has been made known here and no indication has been given of the subjects for discussion, the Committee of Indian Congressmen here claim that one of the principal issues is consideration of the projected All-Party Delegation of British Parliamentarians to India.

Since it was stated that this matter had been referred to Delhi for comment, little has been heard of any further discussions, but correspondence between Mr. Gregwood and Lord Ammon on the one hand and Mr. P. B. Soal and Professor Catlin on the other has been more or less continuous.—Globe.

SOVIET TAKE 50 MILES OF ODER BANK

MOSCOW, Feb. 8: From Reuter's special correspondent:

Marshal Zhukov has now seized nearly 50 miles on the east bank of the Oder opposite the last approaches to Berlin.

The distance from Berlin suburbs to this area is roughly 45 miles.

Two Soviet Army groups are today tearing at the Germans' crumbling Oder line in heavy fighting east of Berlin and south-east of Breslau. Marshal Zhukov has begun reduction of the river bastion of Kuestrin. His troops are also battling for the suburbs of Frankfurt on the eastern bank and his artillery is pounding German fortifications on the west bank of the river preliminary to the launching of mass crossings. At various points along the east bank, ruthless battles of annihilation are being fought as Soviet Storm Troops wipe out more and more groups of Germans still trying to cling to their remaining bridgeheads. The smoke of battle is shrouding wide stretches of the river and drifting back over Frankfurt and Kuestrin. Every point in Frankfurt and Kuestrin is now under the control of Soviet guns which, aided by spotter planes hovering over the river, are systematically pinpointing key targets with salvo after salvo.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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New York, Feb. 8.

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INDIAN T. U. C. DISPUTE

LONDON, Feb. 8: The Credentials Committee refused to take sides in the dispute between the Indian Trade Unions at to-day's (Thursday) session of the World Trade Union Conference. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. John Gren said he had received a letter from one Indian Trade Union asking for the disqualification of another. His Committee, however, had recided that the dispute was not a matter for them and admitted representatives of both Unions to the Conference.—Reuter.

NEXT ASIATIC CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8: The United States Secretary of War, M. Henry Stimson stated at his Press Conference to-day (Thursday) that **"the next Asiatic campaign would be on the China coast."**—Reuter.

"YANKS ENTER MANILA"

Filipinos in New York celebrate entry of American troops into Manila on Feb. 4. The troops pushed to the north bank of the Pasig River and captured the civil internment camp at Santo Tomas and Malacanan palace the former residence of the late Manuel Quezon. U. S. O. W. I. Radiophoto.

TRADE UNIONISTS FROM EX-ENEMY COUNTRIES

France And Latin America Favour Their Participation

LONDON, Feb. 8: The crisis at the World Trade Union Conference which developed yesterday (Wednesday) when the British Trade Union Chief, Sir Walter Citrine strongly condemned the recommendation from the Standing Orders Committee that Trade Union movements from "ex-enemy" countries should be invited to the Conference was followed up to-day by two passionate speeches in favour of those invitations.

FRENCH OPINION.

The President of the French Committee of National Resistance M. Louis Saillant said France which had received a stab in the back from Italy surely was entitled to pass opinion as to whether Italian Trade Unionists should be invited to the Conference. "The French delegation here have decided that Italy should be invited", M. Saillant said. "We refuse to identify the working class of any country with the dictatorship which formerly oppressed that working class. We have had experience of that in France for the past four years."

LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT.

The French Trade Union Chief made similar pleas for the Trade Union organisations of Finland and of Rumania. The speech was preceded by a similar statement from the Secretary of the Latin American Labour Confederation, Mr. Lombardo Toledano who said "The only way we can build labour unity is by forgetting controversies and disputes and things of the past".

Mr. Toledano added "we representatives of organised Latin American Labour desire to build a world of International Organised Labour uninhabited by any prejudice that go back to the past. If we take the position that some of these organisations are supposedly dangerous, nonexistent or nonbonafide we would act in basic contradiction to our avowed intentions".

The delegation of American C.I.O. (Congress of Industrial Organisations) then attempted to prevent a deadlock by moving that the report of the Standing Orders Committee should be referred back to the Committee.

INDIAN DELEGATE SUPPORTS CITRINE.

Sir Walter Citrine was supported by the Indian Federation Labour delegate Mr. A. K. Pillai who said: "While we are aspiring towards world unity let us not wishfully think that world unity must comprise admission of every country to this Conference upon a free basis on which it has been called. Mr. Pillai added" In certain enemy countries, the working class has been throughly demoralised and disorganised and the backbone of their organisation has been knocked to pieces. It is up to you to consider whether organised Trade Union Movement has been restored in these countries within the past few weeks".

DEBATE CONTINUES.

The President of the Conference, Mr. George Isaacs, Member of British Parliament, appealed to the American Delegation to withdraw the motion at least temporarily as "it was clear they would not get a unanimous vote". This suggestion was not accepted by the American Delegation and the problem was solved by Mr. Isaacs, who ruled that reference back had obviously not obtained general consent and the debate must continue.

The Polish Trade Unions in Great Britain delegate Jan Stanczyk, former Polish Minister, who, said he was elected Secretary General of Polish Miners' Federation when they were free gave Sir Walter Citrine full support. Secretary of the Polish Seamens Union, Anotni Kolodziej then submitted a statement deploring Stanczyk's attitude adding that at the National Convention held in Lublin in November last over hundred thousand Trade Union members were represented.—Reuter.

Nominees Of Indian Federation Of Labour Jettisoned

LONDON, February 8.

Reaction and reason had a first clash this evening at the World Trade Union Conference.

Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trade Unions, showed his hand by refusing to accept the Polish Lublin representative. He was also opposed to hold a direct vote on any issues before the Conference.

Delegates were shocked at Sir Walter's attitude; however, the final decision was postponed till tomorrow.

Sir Walter Citrine had to suffer a definite defeat on the vital issue on India. His two Indian nominees of the Indian Federation of Labour were rejected by the Conference and instead two representatives of the All-India Trade Union Conference were accepted on the two committees dealing with peace and post-war reconstruction. Messrs. Dange, Pramanick and Khedgikar are asked to decide among themselves which of them would serve on these two committees. Their decision is expected to be made public tomorrow.—United Press.

Disturbing Issues At "First Peace Conference

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The differences between the Indian representatives at the World Trade Union Conference have been temporarily submerged under more disturbing issues.

The Conference's debate was interrupted at a late hour today to hear a report of the Standing Orders Committee, which recommended that the All-India T.U.C. should represent India on the committee on world trade union organisation, as being the most representative.

The Indian Federation of Labour is preparing to fight this recommendation and refer to the objection against the All-India T.U.C. which it lodged with the Credentials Committee.

Meanwhile, the British T.U.C. has been shocked by the further proposals of the Standing Orders Committee, which are (1) that voting should not be on a basis of one country one vote, but on delegation strengths (the Soviet delegates number 35), (2) that invitations to the Conference should be extended to ex-enemy countries, and (3) that

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Allies Occupy Schmidt Fortress Second Time

Forces Encounter Heavily Defended Minefields

From Reuter's Special Correspondent, U. S. First Army. February 8:

Schmidt, a fortress town at the strongest part of the Siegfried Line in the area of the Roer Dans has been occupied for a second time.

A Senior officer of the 78th Division said today, "This time we are here to stay."

Although the town has been completely occupied, scattered resistance from almost totally wrecked houses is still going on.

S. H. A. E. F. COMMUNIQUE

SHAEF (Paris), Feb. 8.

To-day's Allies 'communique' said: Allied forces in area north-east of Monschau have encountered heavily defended minefields between Bergstein and Kall River.

Our infantry elements advanced more than a thousand yards to the edge of Kommerscheidt, one and a half mile north-west of Schmidt, and our armour pushed to within 500 yards of Schmidt west of the town. In this area we have taken 159 enemy pillboxes during the past three days.

MORE TOWNS CAPTURED

South-west of Schleiden, our forces cleared the enemy from Hellenthall after several days of fighting in the town against stubborn resistance. In area north and north-west of Prum our infantry has reached Wascheid and the towns of Montheim and Selerich are in our hands.

South-west of Prum we have taken Holmich. Our forces launched attacks across the Our and the Sauer Rivers at several places on a front extending from the area north-east of Clervaux to the vicinity of Echternach. Crossings were impeded by high water and enemy obstacles on the eastern bank. We made gains over the Our near Dasburg four miles east of Clervaux and in the area of Wallendorf six miles east of Kiekrik.

PROGRESS OF INFANTRY

Other infantry elements crossed in the vicinity of Echternach and made gains of more than 800 yards in area north-east of the town. South-east of Remich our forces captured Sinz. East of Saargemund an enemy attack by an estimated 100 infantry was repulsed without loss of ground. Our forces raided Bischolz east of Hardt Mountains.

Our efforts to clear the northern part of Oberhofen near Hagenau were stubbornly resisted. Farther east our forward elements received considerable fire from Drusenheim. In the Lower Alsace plain advance down the corridor between the Rhine and the Rhine-Rhone Canal reached points seven miles south of Neu Brisach. The villages of Heiteren, Balgau and Fessenheim were liberated.

RHINE-RHONE CANAL CLEARED OF ENEMY

The west bank of the Rhine-Rhone Canal has been entirely cleared of the enemy. Crossings were made near Ile Napoleon at the junction of the Rhine-Rhone and Huningue Canals. In the Vosges Mountains organised

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enemy resistance has been broken. Mopping up one isolated enemy group continued. Allied forces in the west captured 2,905 prisoners on the fifth of February.

More Thrusts Into Germany

From Reuter's special correspondent with the U. S. Third Army, Thursday: Gen. Patton's Third Army troops in their new thrust into Germany have strengthened and expanded their bridgeheads over the Sure and Our Rivers. Wallendorf, seven miles north-west of Echternach from which one crossing was made over the Sure has been cleared of German troops.

Further north, American forces entered Dasburg just over the German frontier and five miles east of Clervaux. In the fighting for Prum, 10 miles inside Germany from the Belgian-German border, Obermehlen, two and a quarter miles, north-west of Prum has been captured.—Reuter.

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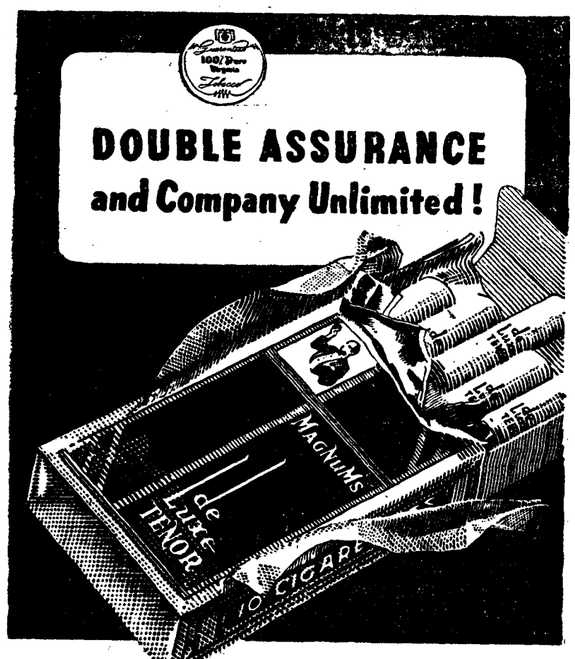

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"GERMANY ON BRINK OF MILITARY DISASTER"

British Press For "Complete And Utter Defeat Of Nazidom"

LONDON, Feb. 8.—British press comments on the "Big Three" meeting today are widely agreed that with Germany on the brink of military disaster, there can be no question of appeal over the heads of the Nazi leaders to the German people involving some millions of "unconditional surrender terms."

WHERE ALLIES AGREE

The Conservative "Daily Telegraph" writes: "German leaders seem to have expected that the Conference would seek by some tempting offer to expedite a mutiny among the German people. They need not have distressed themselves. There is no thought of gulling or lulling the German people into mutiny by some sudden change from the justly severe to a deceptively soft. There is no difference whatever between the Allies in their determination that never again shall Germany have the power to threaten the peace of the world. Consequently, there can be no quarrel in principle about the territorial changes necessary to ensure her neighbours' security nor controls over Germany herself which are equally indispensable."

The Liberal "News-Chronicle" writes: "Any chance the Nazis may have had of getting modified the terms from the Allies has long since passed away. Why should the Allies at this stage of the conflict be content with anything less than a complete and utter defeat of Nazidom?"

ON BRINK OF MILITARY DISASTER

The Conservative "Yorkshire Post" writes: "Many people may question whether an appeal to the German nation would be advisable at this stage. Germany is on the brink of military disaster and there is much to be said for completing her overthrow by force of arms rather than allowing any excuse for the growth of another legend that an unbeaten Reich was persuaded to surrender by political trickery."

The "Daily Express", declaring that Nazi propaganda is appealing for peace with conditions, writes: "What do these Germans think we have come all this way for? That on the eve of victory we are going to give them a stalemate peace so that they can start all over again? Not this time!"

"RECIPE FOR RENEWED SLAUGHTER"

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that victory is inevitable but that there is real reason to fear that the end of the war will witness a swift relapse into nationalistic policies which are a certain recipe for renewed slaughter. "This gloomy picture need not be realised. It will not be realised if the leaders of the United Nations apply themselves with sufficient vigour to the problems of political and economic collaboration. But the moment is now. It cannot be postponed."—Reuter.

I.F.L. LEADERS SHOW HOW INDIA'S WAR EFFORT CAN BE QUADRUPLED

"Raj's Policy Towards Labour Needs Proper Formulation"

LONDON, Feb. 6—The stand that India's war effort could be at least quadrupled, or even increased six-fold if the Raj's policy towards labour was "properly formulated" is being taken by the Indian Federation of Labour representatives at the World Trade Union Conference.

I.F.L. representatives, A. K. Pillai and A. K. Mukherjee, with a mandate from the I.F.L. annual conference, to repudiate much of the case being put up by Mr. Dange, are going gunning for the All-India T. U. C. Fireworks are promised.

Mr. Dange, president of the All-India, T.U.C., who is stressing the contribution which India has made to the war effort, told GLOBE that he would represent the cause of Indian labour on precisely the same lines as he did in Blackpool and when addressing innumerable Trade Union meetings in Britain.

I.F.L. VIEW OF NATIONAL GOVT.

In a joint interview with GLOBE, Mr. Pillai and Mr. Mukherjee made the following points which they are also arguing at the Trade Union Conference.

If the Raj's policy towards labour was properly formulated, they said, India's war effort could be increased four to six times. They added "This has not been done because vested interests stand in the way. There is a view that the war effort could be increased if a national government were established. The I.F.L. does not take this view, because vested interests would not see that labour lost the rights and privileges which it has gained over the past two to three years. A national government, as voiced by older political parties, would not help labour but would strangle it."

HYDARI'S MISSION.

In a sense, the situation is further complicated by the arrival in London of Sir Akbar Hydari's industrial mission which, because of the contention that India's present war effort is endangering her interior economy, is seeking some relief from India's present war burdens.

Asked by GLOBE how they substantiated the claim that the Indian war effort could be so increased, in view of Sir Akbar Hydari's mission, Messrs. Pillai and Mukherjee quoted coal as an illustration. Coal, they said, was setting back Indian production. The coal output could be increased at least 200 per cent if coal workers' wages were placed on a par with those of other workers in the same region. Coalowners, they declared, were at present making 500 per cent. profits compared with before the war but, "they are not anxious to extend coal workings because further profits would bring them within the orbit of excess profits taxes. We suggested to the Raj that mines should be nationalised. With a proper wage system and import of machinery, the Indian coal mines could support a far greater industrial effort."

FAILURE OF PRICE CONTROL.

"Sir Akbar Hydari is to advance the suggestion that the present Indian war effort is endangering India's economic structure, but the primary trouble is that price control of consumer goods has miserably failed. As far as the consumer is concerned control has been observed largely in its breach. The cry for restricting war supplies is based on two fallacies: (1) over-production and (2) that inflation is responsible for high prices.

"High prices have come about because of unrestricted and open use of normal trade channels. This has been made worse because the officials responsible for enforcing control orders are usually associated with political interests. Mr. Dange, as a member of the Communist Party, is naturally talking about an 'all-out' Indian war effort, but the All-India T.U.C. still maintains an attitude of strict neutrality. The Madras Conference of the All-India T.U.C. in February was definitely against the Raj's war effort. V. V. Giri, an ex-Communist, actually castigated Indian workers for 'betraying' the Indian cause by not participating in the 1942 sabotage movement."—GLOBE.

SOVIETISING POLAND?

Polish Minister In Britain Accuses Lublin Committee

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Dr. Adam Pragier, Minister for Information of the Polish Government in Britain, gave a special luncheon to the Indian and Ceylonese press at Swanky Claridge Hotel to-day.

In an informal talk with the press Dr. Pragier said: "Before the war we were scarcely interested in India but now the Polish people take keen interest in everything concerning India.

"As regards the Polish situation, I can tell you that we do not consider that Poland is liberated. Before it was under the German military occupation and now it is under the Russian occupation. We cannot consent to what the Lublin Committee is doing. We consider it a puppet Government without a free will to act."

Dr. Pragier went on attacking bitterly the Soviet methods and said, "They have proceeded to Sovietise Poland which must mean death of democracy."

Political circles are wondering as to the backers of the London Poles. Not only have they adopted uncompromising attitude towards Russia but they are placing large orders worth millions pounds in America and Britain.

The British and American manufacturers must have some guarantee from somewhere for payment of goods they will supply. Or have they gone philantbropic all of a sudden? Here lies the clue to the anti-Russian attitude of the London Poles.—United Press.

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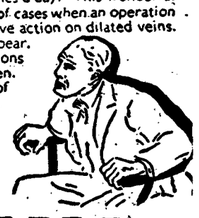

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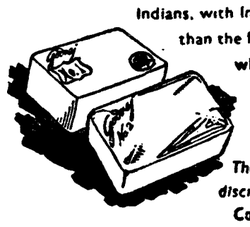

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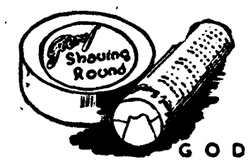

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CLOTH QUOTAS FOR PROVINCES

Three-Day Conference Convened In City

KARACHI, Feb. 8: Mr. B. R. Patel, Chief Controller of Civil Supplies, Sind, is leaving for Bombay during the week-end to attend a three-day conference convened by the Government of India to finalise the cloth quotas fixed for different provinces.

The conference is due to commence on February 13.

At a Press Conference, Mr. Patel said that he would try to get an increased quota for Sind which has provisionally been fixed at 12 yards per head per year.—A. P.

PRINCE ALI KHAN FOR BOMBAY

KARACHI, Feb. 8: Prince Ali Khan, son of His Highness the Aga Khan, has arrived in India. He is expected to leave Karachi for Bombay to-morrow.—A. P.

MANCHESTER CLOTH FOR INDIA

Export Allocations For British Merchants

MANCHESTER, Feb. 7: The official announcement of arrangements for cotton cloth export for the first quarter of 1945 has been delayed but it is expected that merchants will receive their export allocations befor the end of this week.

Greatest satisfaction has undoubtedly been caused by the decision of the authorities to resume issue of allocations for export of newly produced cotton cloth to India. No allocations have been issued for India since the end of 1941, although during the last 12 months export of stock lots of cloth to India has been permitted in certain circumstances.

For the current quarter, the total allocation for India is only small. The authorities wish it could be devoted only to cloths of fine European types but merchants regard the move as a first step towards resumption of trade in any kind of cloth by which the market can be developed.

Persia and Syria are to be added to the list of countries within the purview of the Middle East Supply Centre to which Lancashire exporters may ship cotton textiles.—Globe.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8: According to the Budget Estimates of the Calcutta Corporation to be presented to-morrow it is understood that the revenue for the year 1945-46 would come to Rs. 2,79,53,800 while the expenditure would amount to Rs. 2,92,63,500 the estimated excess over the income being Rs. 13,14,700.—United Press.

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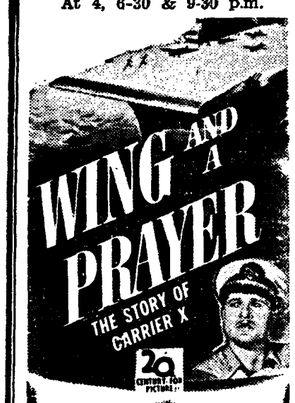
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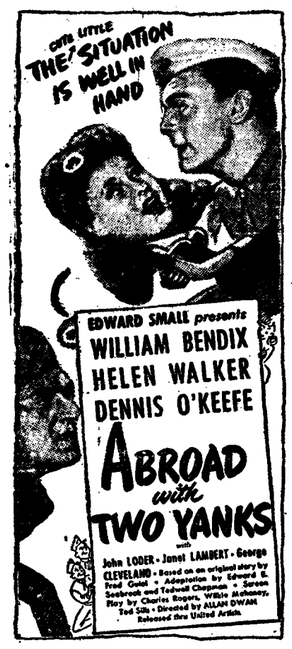
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Sunrise: 8-10 a.m. Sunset: 7-36 p.m.
Hi.gntide: 9-34, 23-34.
Lowtide: 4-38, 16-14.

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Fr. Arze will read a paper on 'The Moral Law' in the Government Law College, to-day (Friday), 6 p.m.

LECTURE CANCELLED: As Mr. I Epstein is not available for the meeting of the Indian Council of World Affairs, Bombay Branch, which was to be held to-day (Friday), at 6 p.m., the meeting has been cancelled.

PUBLIC LECTURE: To-day (Friday), Mr. K. A. Gai of Peshawar will deliver a lecture on "Personalities that passed through my way of life", at 6-15 p.m., at Mazdaznan Temple Hall, opp. Churchgate Station.

HARIKIRTAN: There will be a Hari Kirtan in memory of Mrs. A. M. Kulkarni by H. H. P. Anantoova to-day (Friday), at 9-15 p.m. (N. S. T.), at Sasananda Asnram, Talmakiwadi Tardeo, Grant Road.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Psychic Phenomena" from "The Ocean o. Theosophy" by W. Q. Judge. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Friday), at 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION: Mr. Jalbhoy H. Bilimoria will lecture in Gujarati in the Besant Hall Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Lowpatty, to-day (Friday), on "How to realise Higher Self in Everyday Life."

CHARITABLE DISPENSARY: Mr. Nagindas T. Master will perform the opening ceremony of the Tulsiram Gupta Charitable Dispensary, near Reay Road Railway Station, to-morrow (Saturday), at 9-30 a.m.

S. I. E. SOCIETY'S HIGH SCHOOL. The Students of the school will present 'Manohara' in Tamil and 'Mudra Rakshasa' in Sanskrit in the school hall, at 9-00 p.m., on the 10th and 11th instants respectively.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDS: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 11 (Mazgaon Tarwadi) will meet near the Victoria Road Overbridge (West Side) to-morrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B. T.), 8-30 a.m. (S. T.), to go round the ward.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION: A public meeting will be held under the joint auspices of the A. I. S. C. and the Bombay Students' Union, 42, Kennedy Bridge, at the Marwari Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, tomorrow (Saturday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), where Sjt. Sheikh Mohamad Abdulla (Shere Kashmir), will address and Smt. Kamladevi Chattopadhyaya will preside over the occasion.

FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL DECISION

Skim Milk Powder Scheme To Be Proceeded With

A meeting of the Food Advisory Council was held on Thursday, in the Secretariat, when Sir Henry Knight, Adviser (Finance) to the Governor of Bombay presided.

After reviewing the action taken on the recommendations of the last meeting and the food position in Bombay City and the Province generally, the Council considered the scheme under which restaurants and tea shops in Bombay City will have to use skim milk powder instead of milk for preparing tea, coffee, curds and butter-milk. The Council approved of the scheme and desired that it should be proceeded with. It suggested that its working should be watched very carefully to see that the production of fresh milk for the City did not become uneconomic. The Council was also of the view that it was not desirable to let hotels, restaurants, etc., take a portion of their requirements in skim milk and the balance in fresh milk, as it would almost inevitably lead to adulteration of the general milk supply.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Thursday, March 22, 1945.

Instructions To Milk Cardholders

The public should note that in future persons who register milk ration cards (for children and expectant and nursing mothers in Bombay City) during any week from Thursday to Wednesday, will start getting the supply of milk from the following Monday. Even if a cardholder fails to get a letter from the Municipality, he should go to his distributing centre on the Monday concerned and start obtaining his supply.

Accordingly those who registered their milk cards between February 1 and February 7 will get their supply of milk from February 12.

Centres B/34, D/95, F/56, G/59, G/62 and G/84 have been temporarily closed and cards registered there have been transferred respectively to centres B/36, D/65, F/32, G/81, G/64 and G/1. The card-holders concerned should go to these latter centres to obtain their supply of milk.

The following 24 centres are not yet working as the number of cards registered there is still low:
A—8, A—11, C—70, D—4, D—61, D—78, E—31, E—43, F—62, E—72, F—4, F—48, F—50, F—55, F—62, F—65, F—72, G—4, G—24, G—27, G—35 G—41, G—50 and G—61.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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CLOTH DEALERS WARNED

Textile Commissioner's Notice To Quota-Holders On Selling Prices

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

The Textile Commissioner in a press-note says:

The question of reallocating the margins in the sales of cloth and yarn among dealers in the various stages in the chain of distribution has been engaging the attention of the Textile Commissioner for some time now and he has, in consultation with the Textile Control Board decided to exchange the existing margins.

By a notification issued by the Textile Commissioner and published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated the 2nd February, 1945, it is provided that quota holders should not sell cloth to anyone at a price exceeding 3 per cent above the ex-mill price. Similarly, dealers who want to dispose of cloth to dealers in another zone are prohibited from charging more than 3 per cent above the ex-mill price.

The Notification also provides that the wholesale prices applicable to all other transactions in cloth should not be in excess of 10 per cent over the ex-mill prices.

Another Notification published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary of the same date provides for profit margins for the sale of yarn manufactured in India. For the purpose of determining the margins for the sale of yarn it has been decided to group different counts of yarn into different categories and the profit margins have been fixed in relation to the groups and the nature of the transactions, depending upon whether the sale is between a manufacturer and a dealer; between a dealer and a dealer in bulk and whether the sale is wholesale or retail.

The Notification provides for the inclusion of the freight actually paid to the selling price subject to a maximum fixed by the Notification.

In view of the above provisions, another Notification issued in the Gazette of India Extraordinary of the same date deletes sub-clauses 3 and 4 of clauses 12 of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn Control Order, which provided for different margins for the sale of cloth and yarn within and without the 100-mile limit of the manufacturing centre.—A.P.

KASTURBA FUND

Trustees' Meeting At New Delhi On March 3 And 4

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

Mr. Shantikumar Morarji, Acting Secretary of the Kasturba National Memorial Fund, informs the 'United Press' that it has been finally decided to hold a meeting of the Trustees of the Fund in New Delhi on March 3 and 4 next and that of the Executive Committee of the Fund on March 1 and 2. Mahatma Gandhi will preside over both the meetings.

A meeting of the Medical Board of the Fund will be held at Wardha on February 18 while the Provincial Secretaries of the Fund will meet there on February 15 and 16. Another meeting of the Rules Committee will also meet at Wardha at the same time and will be attended among others, by Mangaldas Pakvasa, President of the Bombay Legislative Council, and Mr. K. M. Munshi, a member of the Trust of the Kasturba National Memorial Fund.

Mr. Shantikumar Morarji is expected to leave for Wardha by about February 14.—United Press.

RATIONING IN CUTCH CITIES

Move To Import Rejected Bajri From Bengal Into Cutch?

(From Our Correspondent)

BHUJ, Feb. 8.

For the last three days, the Maharao Shri is daily holding meetings with Dewan Nayampalli and Revenue Commissioner Mr. Tulsidas Seth to evolve a plan to meet the present distress due to shortage of grains. It is understood the rationing would be introduced in the towns of Bhuj, Mandvi, Anjar and Mundra; and bajri, rice wheat and juar would come under the rationing list. Pulses would be excluded. Each person per month would get total 2-1/2 "maps" of grains weighing 35 lbs. Meanwhile the Food Controller Mr. Amritlal Mehta has proceeded to Calcutta to get it is alleged, the stock of bajri which is reported to have been spoiled and rejected by Bengal authorities. If there is truth in this statement and if that rejected stuff is imported in Cutch misery would be enhanced.

350 Hajis Return To India

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The last batch of the Haj pilgrims totalling about 350 arrived in Bombay from Jedda. Moulana Karam Ali, the President of the U. P. Haj Committee who was amongst the pilgrims told the Associated Press that the economic conditions in Hedjaz are acute. The prices of the commodities have soared very high. The help extended by the Indian Muslim is being gratefully appreciated. He said that five lakhs yard of cloth has been given by the Muslim Relief Committee, Calcutta; one lakh yards of cloth has been donated by the Delhi Muslims; Meher Ali Shah of the Punjab donated five lakh of Rupees towards the relief of Hedjaz.—A. P.

Jamnalal Bajaj Anniversary

WARDHA, Feb. 8.

The late Jamnalal Bajaj's third death anniversary was observed here to-day. Recitation of Shri Bhagwat Geeta in full, prayers and spinning were part of the programme in which members of his family and friends participated.—A. P.

Late Dr. Dudha

The President of the Indian Medical Association, Bombay Branch, writes:—"The Managing Committee of the Bombay Medical Association, I. M. A., Bombay Branch, puts on record its deep sense of sorrow at the premature and sad demise of Dr. D. H. Dudha, Principal of the National Medical College, who had been a prominent member of this Association and a great fighter for the cause of the medical profession, and expresses its sincere condolence to Mrs. Dudha and the members of the bereaved family."

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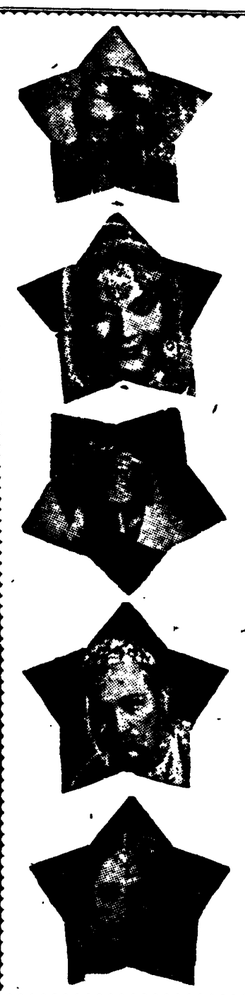

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 8: The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 9 a.m. on Feb. 8:—

Allahabad 76 45 0, BOMBAY 88 65 0, Calcutta 78 49 0, Cawnpore 75 43 0, Cuttack 83 56 0, Darjeeling nil nil nil, Delhi 72 43 0, Dehra Dun 68 44 0, Jacobabad 79 47 0, Karachi 76 59 0, Lahore 69 41 0, Lucknow 77 43 0, Madras 80 67 0, Nagpur 86 54 0, Patna 73 48 0, Peshawar 66 41 0, Shillong 55 37 0.1, Simla 49 28 0.—A. F.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We are determined we shall gain a total victory over our enemies and we recognise the fact that our enemies are not only Germany, Italy and Japan. They are all the forces of oppression, intolerance, insecurity and injustice which have impeded the forward march of civilization.

—President Roosevelt.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE PRINCES' DUTY

The statement issued by the Special Committee of the Princes reviewing the position since the resignation of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes in December last does not by itself seem likely to help the solution of the deadlock created by the resignation. The only new point in the statement is the suggestion that "disputes regarding interpretation of treaties shall, where agreement fails, be referred to arbitration by an impartial tribunal". We do not know what may be the response of the Crown Representative to the suggestion. Perhaps he will not accept it. In any case the people of the States have a big stake in the disputes and must have their say in the matter. It is their taxes that makes the Princes' administration possible, and representation must go with taxation in all important discussions. But the people have not yet been told what precisely are the issues in dispute. They have been ignored by the Princes as well as the Crown Representative. The Princes should not be surprised if their plight does not excite much sympathy in the States people, as things are.

Though the precise issues in dispute have not been stated by the Princes the States people and the country in general can easily gather that the position of the Princes in the new Constitution is being considered. Clearly this involves not merely the interpretation of the old treaties but their revision. The Princes seem to claim the right to veto any change they do not like, taking their stand on the old treaties; but at the same time they do not acknowledge the right of the States people to have any effective say in the matter. Their sole contention is that the "sanctity" of the old treaties requires that they cannot be changed unilaterally, that is, without their consent. We do not see much sanctity in treaties both parties to which ignored the wishes of the people concerned. These treaties are therefore both obsolete and unjust and need to be revised in the light of the wishes of the people of the States concerned and the interests of the country in general. "The sanctity of the covenant", say the Princes, "is the foundation of all civilised life". But more depends on the justice of the covenant and one can only smile at the sanctity of a covenant between a foreign Government and a few individuals both sides agreeing to treat the people almost as the latters' private property.

The Princes mechanically repeat what they guardedly stated before regarding constitutional reform. They give a vague assurance that "when the time comes and it is necessary that the Princes should make sacrifices in the true interests of their country they shall not be found wanting". The time came long ago. But few Princes have given their people the constitutional rights due to them. Even now they scrupulously refrain from promising democratic government to their people and helping a democratic government in the country as a whole. Their promises for the future, vague and circumscribed as they are, can be judged only in the light of what they can do at once. Let them make now a clear declaration that they will within brief prescribed period inaugurate responsible government in their States and make a good beginning straightway. Let none of them indulge in the nonsense like saying that democracy is not suited to India. It is surely not wise for them to challenge the people to prove the feasibility of democracy in spite of the Rulers' opposition. The tide of democracy cannot be pressed back with the flimsy broomsticks of old moth-eaten treaties. Some suitable form of democracy is coming to the whole of India, whether the Princes like it or not. It is their duty as Indians to help the movement from now on. To the extent they do so will their legitimate rights be safeguarded by the people.

Frankly Speaking

An American Achievement

Brigadier-General Tunner, Commanding General of the United States Air Transport Command Division, India and China has just given an account of the progressive achievements of his commanding in delivering air borne supplies to China. The progress is impressive, no doubt. In January last his Division carried 44,000 tons of material to China. It is much more than the total tonnage carried during the first twelve months of the Division's operations. And it is more than twice the tonnage delivered by the old Burma Road in a month. The Americans have, in the circumstances, done well. And with the opening of the land route and the expected extension of the pipeline to China, China will soon be receiving a considerably greater amount of supplies of all kinds. But this is only the beginning and, moreover, what China will receive will bear a very poor proportion to what she needs. Full relief is still a long way off. But the present critical situation can be averted by energetic working of the available routes. This is necessary, too, as proved only the other day by a fresh Japanese success.

British M. P.'s And Levant

At question time on Wednesday all parties seem to have joined in the British House of Commons to show their sympathy for the Levant States. Mr. Richard Law, the official spokesman himself, as well as other M. P.'s, Conservative, Labour and Independent, supported the demands and aspirations of Syria and the Lebanon and there was more than an under-current of criticism of the attitude of General de Gaulle and the French Government. There was even a pointed reference to the fact that France herself had only recently proclaimed the independence of those two States. Now all this is very gratifying and admirable. The British deserve thanks and congratulations for their support to the democratic rights of the Levant.

The Difference

But Syria and the Lebanon are not the only Arab States that are being denied the right to freedom and independence. There are, for instance, Palestine and Trans-jardon, apart from Egypt and Iraq with their confused status. What about those countries which are the direct concern of the British themselves? The status of the British dominated countries of the Middle East is not calculated to strengthen the altruistic bona-fides of the British Government and M. P.'s? The claim that Britain and France went to the Arab countries in order to rescue and free them is already an exploded myth. They went for material and Imperialistic reasons and they divided the Arab countries between them on the basis of Power politics. The Imperialist General de Gaulle is not wrong when he refers to Anglo-French "rivalry". This rivalry led to the division of the Arab land between British and French. Why, it may be asked by French Imperialists, should Britain swear by democracy and freedom in respect of the Levant without conceding freedom to those under her own domination? This is a practical question, the importance of which is emphasised by Britain's post-war plans for British-dominated Middle East. French Imperialism is bad and must go. But one cannot exactly applaud Britain's championship of democracy as genuine if it is exclusively intended for victims of the rival. British Imperialism too is as bad and must go.

Big Three And Germans

Commenting on the Big Three meeting which has already reached agreement on military matters and is discussing other problems, Reuter's political correspondent suggests the possibility of a three Power declaration "to the German nation in view of the gravity of the German military position and the increasing evidence of the dislocation of German civilian life. It is believed the reaction to such a move might be swift and decisive." It is also said that such a declaration will be made when the offensives are in full swing on both the Eastern and Western fronts. But this is entirely unnecessary unless the expected offensive by General Eisenhower gets going immediately. It is unnecessary because there is considerable justification for the belief that the situation in Germany renders it very likely for the German people to respond to an Allied call swiftly and decisively. What is holding them back to-day is, mainly, that phrase "unconditional surrender."

WHEN RUSSIANS RODE INTO BERLIN

(By ALEXANDER HOWARD)

One hundred and eighty-five years ago, in 1760, during the Seven Years' War, the Russians defeated crack armies of Frederick the Great and occupied Berlin.

Russia, with France, Sweden, Saxony and Austria as allies, was then fighting, against Frederick, who had the tepid support of Britain.

After invading Bohemia (as Hitler did in March, 1939), Frederick went from victory to victory but, largely due to his impetuousness, he suffered a disastrous defeat at Kolin—just as Hitler's armies did at Stalingrad. He raised fresh armies and held the French who tried to invade Prussia from the west, but meanwhile the Austrians burst into Silesia and captured Breslau.

At the same time, the Russians were advancing to the Oder and Prussia, like Germany of to-day, became a beleaguered fortress.

In 1759, the Russian General Saltykov scored a decisive victory over Frederick at Kunersdorf-on-Oder. So decisive was the Russian victory that Frederick, who had been carrying with him a phial of poison, attempted to commit suicide and even wrote a farewell letter.

Movement in those days was comparatively slow and Cossack raiding parties did not enter Berlin until a few months later in 1760.

Possibly Hitler is now trying to console himself by drawing parallels from history, for in 1760, the moment the war seemed to have been won, quarrels divided the Allied camp. General Saltykov was said to have indulged in endless drinking bouts, while Frederick, then described as "a little, desperate, haggard man.... still hanging on in the Silesian hills, with a following of war-battered veterans as ragged and desperate as himself", waited for his chance to launch a counter-blow.

Two years after the Russian entry into Berlin, Empress Elizabeth of Russia, grand-daughter of Peter the Great, died. Her death was Frederick's great chance. Peter the Third, her successor, was a weakling and on top of it an ardent admirer of Frederick and Prussianism. Due to his influence, the Russians withdrew from the war—the fruits of the mighty victory at Kunersdorf and Berlin were thrown away—and Prussia rose again.

But conditions are different now. It is a different Germany and a different Russia—and a Europe with a more realistic view of the necessity of unity.—"News Chronicle".

POINTS FROM LETTERS

"A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY".—With reference to the "Thought" published in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 5, beginning with "No one can serve two masters", Mr. V. M. Noronha writes to say that its source is the Sermon on the Mount and not Leo Tolstoy, as given by us.

RELIEF FOR SURAT PASSENGERS:—Mr. R. P. Patel suggests a remedy to relieve pressure on the Kathiawar Express. In a letter to the Chief Traffic Manager, B.B. and C.I. Railway, he pleads for the attachment of two more Inter. class compartments to the Frontier Mail for passengers going upto Surat and vice versa.

TENANTS' PLIGHT.—Dr. R. R. Thakar, endorses the views expressed by Ahmedabad tenants in a representative petition enumerating their plight and the "Zoolum" of the landlords. He suggests that a similar move may be made by the Bombay Tenants' Association and rid the city of "rapacious landlords".

Princes Clarify Their Position

"Not Blind To Requirements Of Changing Times"

Plea For Arbitration Where Agreement Fails Regarding Interpretation Of Treaties

Mr. S. A. Jowad, Director of Public Relations of the Chamber of Princes, in the course of a Press note, issued on Thursday, states that the special Committee of Rulers reviewed the position of the States since the resignations at Delhi last December and reached unanimous conclusions on all points. These will in due course be communicated, he adds, to the authorities concerned.

In view of the misleading comments which have been made in certain quarters regarding the attitude of the Indian Princes on certain important questions, it was decided to clarify the position on these points. This has been done in a separate statement, issued to the Press, by Mr. Jowad, on the same day.

In the course of the Press Note, the Director of Public Relations says:—

"Complete Unanimity"

"The Special Committee of Rulers concluded their deliberations to-day. There was complete unanimity on every item of the Agenda discussed. The Committee have approved proposals for the enlargement of the Chamber Secretariat and the arrangements already made for the Public Relations Directorate. Other items considered included the latest position in regard to industrial development and post-war planning so far as they affect the States.

"The Committee recognised that it was vital in the interests of States that they should lose no time in initiating action where needed to make further improvements in the efficiency of administration and in the standards of living within their territories. The Committee were glad to note that substantial and constructive efforts to this end were being made by the States. The recommendations made on this subject by the Committee on standards of administration, set up under the Chairmanship of His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner, will shortly be communicated to the States.

"The Committee reviewed the position of the States since the resignations at Delhi last December and reached unanimous conclusions on all points. These will in due course be communicated to the authorities concerned."

The clarificatory statement says:—The Special Committee of Rulers met in Bombay and have reviewed the position from December last up-to-date. They feel that in view of the misleading comments which have been made in certain quarters regarding the attitude of the Princes on certain important points, the position should be clarified.

"SANCTITY OF COVENANTS"

2. The attitude of the Indian Princes in general towards the advancement of India and the progress of their peoples was stated a few months ago by his Highness the Nawab Ruler of Bhopal as reproduced below:—

"We yield to none in patriotism and love for our country. We wish to see her great and honoured, filling in her own right a position in the comity of the world to which her history and the achievements of her people entitle her. To assist in securing this end we are ready to make what contribution we can. But the sanctity of covenants is the foundation of all civilised life, and no party which respects sanctity of covenants can blame us for urging that any constitutional arrangements for India must ensure due fulfilment of the established rights of the States and that these rights should not be unilaterally modified". "The Princes have no intention or desire, as is alleged in a section of the Press, to stand in the way of the growth of India to its full stature, or to hinder the political, economic or social progress and achievement of their peoples. I am confident that when the time comes and it is necessary that the Princes should make sacrifices in the true interests of their country they shall not be found wanting."

The Special Committee fully endorse this statement.

3. As regards the implications of the position that the Crown's relationship with the States should not be transferred without their agreement to any third party, the Special Committee reiterate that there is no intention of withholding consent arbitrarily. In this connection, they would invite attention to the Resolution adopted by the Conference of Rulers in 1930, that this demand is merely "a corollary of the true constitutional position of the States and leaves the door open for negotiations between the States and British India with a view to arriving at an equitable and satisfactory arrangement on terms fair and honourable to both."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

4. As regards Industrial Development, the States have never sought to benefit themselves at the expense of British India. On the contrary they are prepared to work together with British India for the country's greater economic advancement and prosperity. They must however see that impediments are not placed on the legitimate development of their own resources and that there is no discrimination against their peoples.

They hold the view that there is ample room for both in the Economic World of the future and if any controversy should arise, in this as in other fields, they are willing to discuss matters and are confident that any differences can be settled without difficulty on a basis fair to their peoples and to British India and in the best interests of the country as a whole. They believe that there is no such incompatibility between these interests that one cannot be fairly met without injustice to the other.

PLEA FOR JUSTICE & FAIRPLAY

5. The States are not blind to the requirements of changing times. They claim however that their Treaties and the relationship arising therefrom should not be altered unilaterally and that disputes regarding interpretation of Treaties shall, where agreement fails, be referred to arbitration by an impartial tribunal. They merely ask for justice and fairplay.

Kidwai Loses More Weight

Transferred To Naini Central Prison

LUCKNOW, Feb. 8: Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, ex-Revenue Minister, U. P., who is under detention since August 1942, has been transferred to Naini Central Prison from the Central Jail, Bareilly.

Mr. Kidwai, it is learned, is still running temperature and has lost some more weight.—A. P.

"Habeas Corpus" Petition For Bagdi's Co-Accused

NAGPUR, Feb. 8.

An application has been filed under Section 491 Cr. P. C. by Mr. Y. C. Shirke, advocate, on behalf of Shamlal Naik who is a co-accused along with Maganlal Bagdi and who was re-arrested soon after his acquittal by the Additional Sessions Judge. Shamlal has been told that he had been taken into custody under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

The "Habeas Corpus" application contends that this detention after acquittal of all charges brought against him was illegal and urged that he should be released.—United Press.

CHARKHA SANGH'S NEW PLAN

SEWAGRAM, Feb. 8: The Secretary of the All-India Spinners' Association informs that a meeting of the Trustees of the Charkha Sangh and its Provincial Secretaries will be held in the last week of March to consider the measures to be adopted for advancing the new policy of the Sangh in the direction of self-sufficiency and all round village service.

Mr. Maheshdatta Mishra, who was released recently from the Nagpur Central Jail, came to Sewagram for treatment under Gandhiji's instructions. He is suffering from chronic duodenal ulcer.

Mr. Satyadeo Parivarjak, addressed the students of the Hindustani Talimi Sangh, Charkha Sangh and the trainees of constructive work on the subject of conflict of culture of the East and the West.—United Press.

Kisan Activity In Gujarat

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 8.

In order to chalk out programme for Kisan activities in Gujarat according to the instructions of Mahatmaji, a meeting of the Gujarat Central Committee is to be held at Ahmedabad on 17th of February. Kanayalal Desai who has recently returned from Sevagram after acquainting Gandhiji with the situation in Gujarat will place Mahatmaji's views before this meeting.

U. P. CONGRESSMEN'S MEETING POSTPONED

CAWNPORE, Feb. 8: The meeting of Congressmen of the U. P. Assembly which was to meet here on February 10 has been postponed due to unavailability of accommodation for members and delegates at all Dharmashalas.

It is learnt that the meeting will take place in the last week of February.—United Press.

KANU GANDHI'S TRAINEES

WARDHA, Feb. 8.

Trainees of Mr. Kanu Gandhi's camp came to Wardha and visited the Head Quarters of the Village Industries Association at Maganwadi. They saw various activities, such as paper making, bee keeping etc. Prof. J. C. Kumarappa explained to the aims and objects of the A.I.V.I.A. to the trainees. They also paid a visit to the Mahilashram and in the afternoon, Mr. Dhotre of the Gandhi Seva Sangh addressed them explaining the importance of the constructive programme.—United Press.

CONGRESSMAN ARRESTED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

Vaid Nand Gopal Harit, Secretary of a Ward Congress Committee, was arrested under D.I.R. on the charge of asking villagers not to contribute to the War Fund.—United Press.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

ASUNCION, Feb. 7.

It is officially announced that the State Council has approved the decree which the President of the Republic will sign to-morrow declaring Paraguay in a state of war with the Axis countries.—Reuter.

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Wardha district authorities have written to the authorities of some Sewagram institutions drawing attention to the illegality under D.I.R. of drills, marches, etc.

Whatever opinion one may hold about the Defence of India Rules, there can be no question that the C. P. Government authority are lax and inadequate in discharging their duties and compare very unfavourably with their efficient colleagues in Bihar. They should be gingered up.

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Testifying before Congress on the Lend-Lease Act, Mr. Leo Crowby, one of the American Lend-Lease administrators, said: "India is a major United Nations arsenal."

And a very minor United Nations member.

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The Secretary of the Muslim League Party in the Central Assembly has announced that his Party would continue to co-operate with other opposition parties "when matters of national interest come up."

This sounds like a grave lapse into the one-nation theory. The Secretary must be made to recover immediately.

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The Assam Provincial Muslim League is reported by the Associated Press to have passed resolutions critical of the Government and, in one, definitely "condemning" it for supplying inadequate and bad quality foodstuffs to the people.

Since the Government is itself a Muslim League Ministry we denounce the A.P.I. guilty of disruptive propaganda. The less it circulates such reports the better.....

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Talking of the less-the-better category of things, the Hon'ble Pir Illahibux, a Muslim League Minister in Sind, admits that an internment order had been issued against Mr. G. M. Syed, adding "I am glad that the order has been suspended."

This Ministerial confirmation of the internment order is deplorable. Pir Illahibux is guilty of the crime of—well, the-less-the-better propaganda, you know.

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"The end of the last war saw many Arab hopes disappointed and the Arab world generally disillusioned. History must not be allowed to repeat itself."

—Anglo-India.

The admonition is, of course, addressed exclusively to France.

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De Gaulle Not Bound By Big Three Decisions

—Headline in a contemporary.

In which de Gaulle isn't doing anything much more than following the precedent of the Big Three.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Many a man who is offered the chance of a lifetime for a mere song can't sing.

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If a girl doesn't like flattery, it's because she doesn't get enough to spoil her.

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Many a man makes a fool of himself because he hasn't the moral courage to do otherwise.

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A man learns a good many things from his children until they get old enough to know as little as he does.

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When a man gets the idea into his head that he has been insulted there isn't much room for anything else under his hat.

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The woman who doesn't understand the art of making over last year's hat should never marry a man to reform him.

GRIM LIFE IN ITALIAN WAR-TORN VILLAGE

Fifth Army Awaits Signal To Strike And End Lull

From D. F. Karaka, "Chronicle" War Correspondent.

WITH FIFTH ARMY, Feb. 8.

It is night. I am in a small Italian village in northern Italy where I am staying for the night. For days it has been snowing here and even now hills are covered with milky froth. Roads are slushy and wheels of cars have made deep lines in the road. The valley below is a patchwork of brown and white. Cypress trees are no more. On a clear moonlit night their stumps stand out like great crosses making graves of men who have perished here.

There is little left of the once peaceful village except a few houses, their facades peppered with bullets which have riddled them through. The scene is typical of a village baptised by war. Not much grows around here and the only colourful thing which sprouts from the ground are warning signs which mark places where the enemy has planted mines.

Inside this house there is little adornment except for an American sergeant's field-jacket hanging from a nail on the wall, handful of maps which spread across the tattered walls and bulletins pinned on the doors. To-night the war is further north, and only the muffled sound of far off guns disturbs the quiet of the night.

Inside the house there is more trace of sound. From the partitioned room next door comes hushed notes of a Strauss Daltz. Resting his head on his hand a Brazilian officer is reading a book near a tuned down radio. Occasionally from the main street below comes the sound of a Jeep's wheels splashing through the slush. There is a shuffle of papers and the click of a typewriter next door. All else is quiet for to-night.

When the war was right here the village folk had fled to nearby hills taking refuge in caves and on the mountainside away from the fire of guns. When Germans were pushed out they returned back to what was left of their homes. Once they would weep over the rubble heaps. Now they take it as part of the war. Soon the village will be asleep for the night and to-morrow it will be another day. Yet not many hills away men will lie awake to-night beside their guns with slugs loaded in the spouts, their fingers on the trigger, and their gaze fixed toward the front. Like this they have spent many nights in the midst of snow and hail and rain.

They will wait for the order to come, maybe in the night, maybe to-morrow, maybe not for many days to come. Like this they have waited for the next moment to come. There has been no rest for them nor peace in the days they have waited on this front. There has only been patrol activity, the 'communique' often says, and there is nothing much to report, but for the folks of the guy who lies with a piece of shrapnel close to his bone it is all the "D-days" rolled up in one.

Prof. Narayan Iyengar's Concert

Prof. Narayan Iyengar Palace Musician to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore and a noted exponent of "Gotuvadyam" (Mahanataka Veena) gave his recital under the auspices of the Shanmughananda Sabha, Matunga, before a packed house accompanied by Mritangist Rama Iyer of Palghat on Saturday evening. His opening song in Thodi Varnam imposed complete silence on the audience. His handling of "Danyasi" which was followed by a kirthan was soul stirring. His Bhairavi alap was heard with rapt attention, and showed the greatness of the artist in the Carnatic music. Prof. Iyengar will be here for some time.

M. L. A'S. WHO CAN'T FUNCTION

Amery Says They Debar Themselves By Their Actions

LONDON, Feb. 8: Mr. Amery said the desired information was not available here when Mr. Sorensen (Labour) asked him in the Commons to-day how many Members of Legislative Assemblies were now subject to village or house restriction and therefore not able to attend their respective Assemblies.

Mr. Sorensen: Does the Secretary of State not feel it undesirable that Members of public bodies like these should be debarred from exercising civic functions by being detained.

Mr. Amery: They debar themselves by their actions.

Women Workers In Coal Mines

Mr. Amery stated in the Commons to-day that the question of continued employment of women underground in Indian Coal Mines was being considered by the Government of India and he expected to be informed shortly of their conclusions. He was replying to a question by Mr. Sorensen (Labour) who asked how many women were now employed in mines what were their present rates of payment and whether steps could not be taken to bring such employment to an end.

Mr. Campbell Stens (Independent Labour Party): Can he say whether there are representatives of these women included in this industrial group coming to this country?

Mr. Amery: No, Sir.

Earl Winterton (Conservative): Owners of these mines are amongst the most prominent supporters of Congress and therefore should be very friendly to Labour members (laughter).

INDIAN INDUSTRIALISTS' TOUR

Mr. Amery told the Commons to-day that a group of Indian industrialists will leave India to visit Britain early in April. Mr. Amery added it was a small body of leading Indian Industrialists, who had arranged their own composition.—Reuter.

Reform Of National War Front

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

Lobby anticipations are that Sir Sultan Ahmed would make a statement tomorrow morning in regard to the League's resolution for the abolition of the National War Front. A resolution, thereafter, is expected to be withdrawn. Sir Sultan Ahmed is expected to assure the Assembly reform of National War Front at an early date.

UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE WITH FREEDOM OF PRESS

A.-I. Editors' Conference Chief On Bihar Pre-Censorship Orders And Arrest Of "Searchlight" Editor

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, in a statement characterises the internment of Babu Murli Manohar Prasad, editor of the "Searchlight", Patna and the pre-censorship order on Patna papers in connection with the publication of statements of interned Congress leaders as an unwarranted interference with the freedom of the Press.

He says: "I extremely regret that owing to my sudden illness immediately after the conclusion of the recent session of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference and of the meeting of its new Standing Committee, a protest could not be lodged on behalf of the Conference against the internment of Babu Murli Manohar Prasad, editor of the "Searchlight" Patna.

Babu Murli Manohar Prasad attended the last session of the Conference one of the resolutions passed by which demanded the immediate release of all journalists who are in detention in various parts of the country. Apart from the fact that the plea put forward by the Government of Bihar for the internment of Babu Murli Manohar Prasad is untenable, his internment and the order of pre-censorship served on Patna papers in connection with the publication of any statements by Babu Murli Manohar Prasad and other interned Congress leaders constitute an unwarranted interference with the freedom of the papers. I trust the notice of internment served on Babu Murli Manohar Prasad and the orders of pre-censorship on Patna newspapers will be immediately withdrawn.

There was considerable discussion in the last session of the Conference, on two resolutions regarding the recommendations made by the Standing Committee at Lahore in October last year about the improvement of the economic status of working journalists. Different points of views were expressed, but it was made quite plain that the distinction made between the minimum basic salary of journalists working on Indian language newspapers and that of those working on English newspapers was neither desired nor sought for by the editors but was suggested solely because it was urged on behalf of the majority of Indian languages newspapers that they could not afford the same minimum as was fixed for English newspapers. The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of the resolution placed before it and referred the whole question to the new Standing Committee for review. I have every hope that as a result of this review, a solution will be found which will be acceptable to all parties concerned.

APPEAL TO NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS.

"In the meanwhile may I make an earnest appeal to newspaper proprietors, who have not yet implemented all the agreed proposals embodied in the Lahore resolution of the Standing Committee, to do so immediately? May I also request Provincial Committees of the A.-I. N. E. C. to collect information regarding the extent to which the proposals have been carried into effect by newspapers in their provinces and forward it to the Central Office at Bombay as early as possible.—A.P.

Freedom Of Punjab M. L. A.'s

LAHORE, Feb. 8.

A Bill seeking to define the rights and privileges of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and its Members and to protect their freedom of speech and movement and to guard them against "assaults, insults, obstruction detention, coercion, threats or intimidation", has been given notice of by four Congress Members of the Assembly. They are Sardar Kapoor Singh, Sardar Sohan Singh Josh, Sardar Teja Singh Swatantar and Srimati Raghbir Kaur. The speaker has admitted the notice.—A. P.

Conservative M. P.'s Blue-Print For Post-War Burma

If Accepted By Govt., Pre-War Anti-Indian Prejudices Will Reappear

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Council of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association in a letter to the Department of Commonwealth Relations, Government of India, on the "Blue-Print" for the future of Burma prepared by the Imperial Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party, says, "if the recommendations of the 'blue-print' are accepted, the pre-war prejudices against Indians will reappear which, by no means, will contribute to Burma's future welfare and happiness. It will not help Britain, Burma or India if those who are responsible for the future of Burma are not benefited by past experiences".

No final agreement should be concluded without consulting all bodies interested in Indians in Burma and without the approval of the Central Legislature, the letter says; while India should be represented in an adequate manner at any future conferences that may be held for the reconstruction of Burma.

While the Burmese themselves are trying to maintain good relations with Indians, the Council observes, speeches such as the one made recently by Sir Alfred Watson saying that "Burmese in these years of freedom have developed the strongest prejudice against the exploitation by Indians" and tend to prejudice British public opinion. The Burmese Refugees Association had recently declared that they had no desire to keep the Indian out "merely to give Britain a monopoly of the exploitation of the undeveloped resources of Burma", while Sir Paw Tun, First Adviser to the Governor of Burma, and Mr. U. Tin Tut, in charge of Post-War Reconstruction, had made it clear, that they would welcome the closest ties of alliance and friendship between Burma and India and that there was no intention of treating Indian business enterprise in Burma differently from British enterprise.

The letter adds: "India does not want to exploit Burma for her own selfish interests; she offers her friendly co-operation for the regeneration of an unfortunate neighbour. So far as Indians are concerned they do not want any special rights and privileges in Burma. But there is a unanimity of opinion in the country that the rights and privileges which Indians will have in Burma shall in no way be less than those granted to Britishers and other foreigners".

Plea For General Amnesty For All Burmese

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Granting of general amnesty to the Burmese who may have collaborated with the Japanese during the country's occupation is urged by the Burma Association consisting of members of the Burmese community, president in the United Kingdom in a statement issued to-day.

Remarking that many Burmese remaining in the country after British withdrawal might have thought it in Burma's best interests to accord the Japanese a measure of "reluctant co-operation," the Association urges firstly "that General Amnesty should be offered and granted to any Burman who may have collaborated with the Japanese during enemy occupation.

The people of Burma should be authorised and called upon to convene a constituent assembly to formulate the future constitution of Burma on a democratic basis as soon as the country had been liberated.—Reuter.

Allied Advance Towards Ramree Town

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, Feb. 8

To-day's S.E.A.C. Communique says.

AIR: Heavy bombers of Eastern Air Command yesterday destroyed two main and three by-pass bridges on the Burma-Siam railway.

Japanese strong-points and a radio station in the Mandalay sector were bombed and strafed.

In the northern combat area tanks, troops and supplies were attacked and in Arakan guns and defences were hit. Road and rail traffic was strafed in Burma and Siam.

LAND: Fifteenth Indian Corps: Against stiff opposition our troops have made a further advance towards Ramree town. On the right flank in Ramree island, our troops are advancing south of the Yanbauk Chaung.

South-East of Minbya West African troops are encountering opposition.

Fourteenth Army: There has been a lull in the fighting at our bridgeheads east of the Irrawaddy.

In all sectors there was active patrolling.—A. P.

Japs Take Burman Hostages

ONDAW, Feb. 7: There is evidence of the lowering Japanese morale on the road to Mandalay as our troops' position for the final assault, writes 'A. P. I.' war correspondent.

For the first time they were taking hostages from the villages we have captured presumably to prevent the remaining villagers from co-operating with our troops.

Jap Casualties In Akyab Push

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, Feb. 8: Since the landings at Akyab on January 3, troops of the 25th Indian division have buried 1129 enemy dead, recovered from the battlefields at Myebon and Kangaw and from the small-scale actions fought by the division in its push north-east from Akyab.

Total losses to the Japanese must have been substantially greater than this figure since many bodies were recovered by the enemy themselves.—A. P.

Wingate Expedition Echo

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

Among the numerous exploits of the Wingate Expedition the story of Havildar Sein U. Burma Rifles, who contributed to the success of the famous operations by his daring reconnaissance inside enemy territory, occupies a high place.

Already displaying the ribbon of the 1939-43 star and the Oak Leaf emblem for a mention in despatches Havildar Sein U. will now have a third ribbon on his chest—the Mac-Gregor Memorial Medal. This medal is awarded for the best military reconnaissance or journey of exploration of the year.

In December 1942 Sein U. then a Lance-Naik was one of a patrol entering Burma as an advance reconnaissance party. Crossing the Chindwin near Homalin, the patrol traversed more than 100 miles of difficult jungle country, always avoiding enemy patrols.

The knowledge of the country he thus gained stood him in good stead when, a month later, L/Nk. Sein U. had to guide a column of the Wingate Expedition deep into the heart of enemy-occupied territory.

Chinese Cut Jap Communications

CHUNGKING, Feb. 8.—Chinese forces have cut Japanese communications between Chenhaien and Ichang by the recapture of Liangtien sixteen miles north of Ichang, a Chinese War Communique announces. Other Chinese forces reached the vicinity of Ichang, an important Yangtse river port.—Reuter.

FOOD PRICES DOUBLE IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, Feb. 8: A hundred per cent rise in the price of flour this month, as compared with the last month, and 90 per cent in the cost of rice has been announced by the Chinese Government spokesman.—Reuter.

Nazis On Brink Of Surrender?

General Dietmar's Appeal For Less Strict Formula

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Is Germany about to surrender? This question is being seriously discussed in political circles here since last night. A spokesman of the German High Command, Gen. Dietmar last night made his most sensational broadcast of the war amounting to an appeal for any terms except unconditional surrender. He said: "All we suffer now is nothing compared to the fate which waits us, once we lay down our arms".

GUEDERIAN ARRESTED

Germany's early surrender has been further underlined by a Stockholm report that Gen. Guederian has been arrested for neglecting his duties in dealing with the Soviet Army's break-through towards Berlin.

It is worth remembering in this connection that Gen. Guederian is the Commander-in-Chief of Wehrmacht on the Eastern Front and head of the German General Staff.

Gen. Guederian had opposed Hitler when the latter decided to attack Russia in 1940—United Press.

NAZI PATROLS DRIVEN BACK IN ITALY

Allied Mediterranean Hq. Feb. 8. To-day's Communique said: "Fifteenth Army Group: In the Serchio valley a number of strong enemy patrols have been driven back. Elsewhere on the Fifth Army front patrols on both sides have been active.

In the Gulf of Genoa on the night of February 5/6 two Pt boats of the U. S. Navy sighted and attacked an enemy convoy off Porto Venere near Spezia. Torpedoes were fired. There was a heavy explosion followed by a column of black smoke. One of the enemy vessels was probably sunk.

Six enemy planes were destroyed on ground. Thirty-four of ours are missing in air operations.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8: It is learnt that the Delhi Provincial Government have decided to serve a notice on the Delhi Tramway Company intimating their intention to take over the company.

Complete Agreement Over Military Questions

Big Three Now Discussing Problems Of Peace After Defeat Of Germany

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The "Big Three" are meeting in a Black Sea area accompanied by chiefs of staff and three foreign secretaries, announces the Ministry of Information statement. There is complete agreement for joint military operations in the final phase of war against Nazi Germany. Discussions of problems regarding peace also have begun. Discussions will cover joint plans for the occupation and control of Germany, political and economic problems of liberated Europe and proposals for the earliest possible establishment of a permanent international organisation to maintain peace.

The text of the Ministry of Information statement says "President of the U.S.A., Premier of Soviet Union and Prime Minister of Great Britain, accompanied by chiefs of staff, three foreign secretaries and other advisers, are now meeting in a Black Sea area.

Their purpose is concert plans for completing the defeat of the common enemy and for building among allies firm foundations for lasting peace.

Meetings are proceeding continuously. The Conference began with military discussions.

The present situation on all European fronts have been reviewed and the fullest information were exchanged. There is complete agreement over military operations in the final phase of the war against Nazi Germany.

Military staffs of the three governments are engaged in working out jointly detailed plans. Discussions on problems involved in establishing secure peace also have begun. Discussions will cover joint plans for occupation and control, political and economic problems of liberated Europe and proposals for earliest possible establishment of permanent international organisation to maintain peace.

Beyond Military Discussions

It is clear from the official announcement to-night on "The Big Three" meeting that the work of the Conference has already gone beyond the planning of joint military operations, writes Reuter's political correspondent.

The possibility now is direct and final three-power declarations to the German nation in view of the gravity of the German military position and the increasing evidence of the dislocation of German civilian life.

It is believed the reaction to such a move might be swift and even decisive.

Reuter's military correspondent says: The military consequences of the Black Sea Conference are more far-reaching than those of any preceding Big Three meeting. For the first time in this war detailed staff arrangements are being made between the military of all three powers.

The presence at the Conference of Marshal Alexander Vassilievsky, General George Marshal and Sir Alan Brooke—Soviet, United States and British Chiefs of Staff—is indicated in the communique. That they should meet at this time with the Soviet offensive in full swing and the German believing that the western offensive is imminent, is highly significant.

The military situation in the Reich with two Allied armies approaching each other from the east and the west clearly calls for the closest co-ordination and liaison. Reference in the communique to "joint military operation" and the statement that the purpose was "to concert plans" suggests that preparations have been concluded for what might be called supreme Anglo-United-States-Soviet command for the battle for Germany.

Political Move

The Black Sea Conference will probably only decide on grand strategy and leave the details to be filled in at a more convenient meeting place for the preparation of the actual plans.

What will have been decided probably will be the personnel of the new organisation—Soviet, United States and British Commanders allocated for the liaison operations.

Another point in which the Russians are deeply interested is the co-ordination of British-American bomber commands with land armies. As a result of the Conference certain changes and regrouping of Allied forces in the west may therefore take place. The phrasing of the communique also suggests that the next phase of the Soviet offensive will be accompanied by an all-out attack from the west.

Nothing is said of any decision to make an appeal to Germany at this stage and this may indicate that a political move of the kind feared by the Germans will be made only when both offensives are in full swing.

The Conference was apparently primarily concerned in its first phase with urgent military affairs. The communique says that the staffs are now working on the joint plans. There is bound to be some interval between completion of any plans and their being put into effect.

It is believed in London to-night that the more controversial issues of the Conference, the future of Poland, the situationn in the Balkans and the final plans of the German settlement, may have been kept back for the second half of the Conference and may now be under discussion. But essentially the Black Sea "Big Three" meeting is a military affair.—Reuter.

12 KILLED IN AIR CRASH ON WAY TO 'BIG 3' MEETING

LONDON, Feb. 7

Twelve passengers were killed when the plane carrying some of Prime Minister Churchill's Staff crashed on way to the meeting place of "Big Three" it was announced to-night.

Air Commodore Sanderson of the Air Ministry was injured. Three of planes crew missing and four were injured. Those dead were six members of the Foreign Office Staff including one woman four army officers at the War Office one group captain and an aircraftman.

Foreigner Fatally Stabs Rickshaw-Puller

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8: Because he would not ply his vehicle, a rickshaw-puller was stabbed by a foreigner near Howrah in the early hours of this morning. He was removed to hospital where he died.—A. P.

DID ROOSEVELT REFUSE TO BE KING'S GUEST?

Official Denial Of Story Circulated In India

LONDON, Feb. 8: Reuter is authorised to give official denial to the report circulated in India to the effect that President Roosevelt declined an invitation to be the King's guest at Buckingham Palace after the "Big Three" Conference.

The position, Reuter's political correspondent understands, is that had the conference been held in Britain the President would have doubtless been the guest of the King during his stay, but as the Three-Power meeting is held in the Black Sea region the question does not arise, the venue of the meeting being nearly as remote from Buckingham Palace as it is from the White House at Washington.

It is a foregone conclusion that the President if and when circumstances permit him to visit Britain will stay with the King.—Reuter.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT UNDER FIRE

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March, 1943. It was quite difficult for any member of the House to put himself back in the atmosphere of that period. It was amazing with what rapidity the most striking and alarming experiences slipped back into history and became affairs of retrospect and memory. It was extraordinary how quickly they sank below the surface of consciousness. In the general state of public apprehension at that time, observance of strict rules was probably the last thing anybody could think of. That, however, did not absolve officials or authorities from the necessity of doing their duty to the best of their ability. It was true that the circumstances were highly abnormal; but it was one thing to be overwhelmed by a situation which one was not equipped to deal with and another thing to deal with it in a 'mala fide' manner. In circumstances such as these, he had no doubt that offences must be most severely dealt with.

NO FINAL REPORT YET

He had not the final report on many of the matters to which members had drawn attention. When it was complete it would probably be put before the Public Accounts Committee in its next sitting. He was not in a position even now to give an answer to the House about unsatisfactory accounts in the case of Bengal and various other lacunae of which new Auditor-General had rightly complained. He was in a difficult position in dealing with matters in which other Governments were the Government of India's agents.

Until the facts were completely reported and until the Auditor-General was in a position to comment on these facts, it was premature for him to give his final opinion on the adequacy or otherwise or action taken by Provincial Governments. 'Prima facie' of course, the situation in that respect was highly unsatisfactory but it might be too early to come to the conclusion that there had been 'mala fide' acts or omissions.

Defending the Finance Department against Prof. Ranga's "sack the lot" demand, the Finance Member suggested it might be bad principle to condemn "lock, stock and barrel" the whole machinery including the only machinery which was capable of bringing to notice matters in which the House was interested.

The House passed the amendment moved by Mr. Chetty.

TWO BILLS

Sir Muhammad Azizul Huque introduced in the Legislative Assembly today two bills, the first further to amend the Indian Tea Control Act, 1938, and the second further to amend the Indian Companies Act, 1913.

Mr. Basid Chaudhury (Muslim League) took his seat when the House reassembled after lunch.

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow.

A. C. DATTA WITHDRAWS ADJOURNMENT

The Government of India's withdrawal of the assurance given last year to feed Calcutta was the subject of an adjournment motion which was attempted in the Central Assembly today by Mr. A. C. Datta.

The Chair held the motion in order and fixed the usual hour of 4 p.m. for the debate on it to begin, but when the time came, Mr. Datta announced that in view of certain assurances given by the Food Member he had decided not to move it.

The House permitted him to withdraw the motion.

The assurances referred to by Mr. Datta were given in the course of the brief debate that preceded the Chair's admission of the motion.

The Food Member in objecting to the motion recalled that during the last session he announced Government's intention to give up their undertaking to feed Calcutta. At a Press Conference on November 30 he repeated that statement and Government had so far received no representation from the Bengal Government or from anyone else that the Government of India's decision was not right.

FOOD MEMBER'S ASSURANCE

The matter, he went on to contend, was not one of urgent importance. "What we have done," he said, "is not that we have divested ourselves of the responsibility of feeding Calcutta. In fact, we never gave that undertaking. What we told the Bengal Government in the peculiar conditions prevailing last year was that we would give them a quantity of food grains equivalent to 13 months offtake of Calcutta. We never said we were going to feed Calcutta."

(Mr. Badri Datt Pande:—You were going to starve Calcutta) (Laughter).

The Food Member continued, "While in the improved situation which prevails, we will not give this specific guarantee, our ultimate and general guarantee to feed Bengal remains and we continue to recognise the importance of Calcutta and when the time comes, should they be short of supplies, we will come to their aid."

The Chair asked if there had been any change in Government's policy in this matter since the last session.

The Food Member: I contend there has been none. We are still responsible for feeding Bengal and Calcutta with the rest of India.

At 4 p.m. Mr. Datta said that after carefully considering the statement made by the Food Member in the morning, he had decided not to move his adjournment motion. He drew attention to two points in the Food Member's statement, namely, that "what we have done is that we have divested ourselves of the responsibility of feeding Calcutta." and "we continue to recognise the importance of Calcutta, and when the time comes we will certainly come to their aid." In view of this assurance he wanted leave of the House not to move the motion. He hoped that the House would have an opportunity of a comprehensive debate on the food situation later on in the course of the session.

South African Issue

Sir Raza Ali (Muslim League) has given notice of an adjournment motion to "censure the Government of India for their failure to recall the High Commissioner for India from South Africa and enforce the economic sanctions against that country under the Reciprocity Act; also for Government of India's insistence of sending a successor to Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan in spite of the pronounced opinion expressed by the Indian Congress to the contrary."

Another motion in the same Member's name seeks to censure the Government of India for the "racial and religious distinction recently set up by the Labour Department in the allotment of houses in favour of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and Indian Christians."

Mr. M. A. Ghani wishes to discuss through an adjournment motion the "use of force and illegal and unfair means on the public of Bihar by the agents of the Government for the purchase of National Savings Certificates."

"DR. WASSELL" CONTINUES

Musicals And Comedies At Other Theatres

By T. V. P.

"Wing And A Prayer"—The story of Carrier X. The 20th Century-Fox thrill-packed epic of an expandable aircraft carrier, featuring Don Ameche, Dana Andrews, William Eythe, Charles Bickford and Sir Cedric Hardwicke, opens to-day at Regal.

In the tradition of "Crash Dive", which paid stirring tribute to American undersea fighters, and "Guadalcanal Diary", the rousing salute to the marines: "Wing And A Prayer"—The Story of Carrier X" celebrates the deeds of the men who are wreaking havoc and vengeance on the Japs from mighty "floating airbases."

"DR. WASSELL" HELD OVER.

Cecil B. DeMille's mighty screen epic "The Story Of Dr. Wassell" filmed in beautiful Technicolour is held over for a second week at the Eros. There was an overwhelming reception for this masterpiece. Many of the patrons had to go disappointed for want of accommodation during the first week.

Gary Cooper, one of the most favourite stars of Hollywood leads a cast that includes Laraine Day, Signe Hasso, Dennis O'Keefe, Carol Thurston, Paul Kelly and many others in this story of an American missionary in China, who in the dark days of Jap victories of the Pacific helped a batch of wounded veterans escape from enemy-infested Java. The courage and fortitude with which he carried out his work is amazingly told on the screen in the famous Cecil B. DeMille way.

"Meet the People" a fine musical starring Lucille Ball and Dick Powell comes to Metro this week.

"ABROAD WITH TWO YANKS".

For an evening of laughs and relaxation you will not find a better place than the New Empire theatre, where Edward Small's riotious new comedy 'Abroad With Two Yanks' is released this week through United Artists, with William Bendix, Helen Walker and Dennis O'Keefe starred, and John Loder heading the fine supporting cast.

"CASANOVA BROWN."

The philanderings of a history professor furnish the makings of a hilarious comedy in "Casanova Brown", which stars Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright as its stars.

The unusually strong supporting cast consists of Frank Morgan, Patricia Collinge, Isobel Elsom, Edmund Breon, Anita Louise and Mary Treen. This delightful production was produced and written by Nunnally Johnson and directed by Sam Wood. It is an International Pictures production, released by RKO Radio.

AT PALACE AND AURORA.

"Song of Russia", Metro's enchanting musical romance starring Robert Taylor and Susan Peters, is at Palace this week.

20th Century-Fox's spectacular song, dance and laugh sensation in technicolour "Pin-Up Girl" starring Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye will be shown at Aurora this week.

Reshuffling Dutch Government

LONDON, Feb. 8.

According to usually reliable sources a reshuffle of the Dutch Government is taking place to introduce representatives of partially liberated Holland. It has always been intended that a completely new Government should be formed after total liberation of Holland.—Reuter.

WHY NOT DEPORT DRUNKEN FOREIGNERS?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

In the Central Assembly today the question hour was dull and mostly taken up by laughter.

The Foreign Secretary Sir Olaf Careo was asked whether Government would consider deporting drunken foreigners from New Delhi. The occasion was provided by Sir Olaf's reply relating to the deportation of Indians from Madagascar "for drunkenness."

Trade Unionists From Ex-Enemy Countries

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an invitation should be extended to that part of Poland liberated from the Germans, namely, that under the Lublin Government.

A vigorous speech by Sir Walter Citrine, indicating that the British T.U.C. could not accept these recommendations and asking the Standing Orders Committee to take back its report for further consideration, was listened to in stony silence by the Soviet delegates. They refrained from joining in the courtesy applause when Citrine finished. Under the proposed voting system the Soviets would have approximately half the Conference voting strength.

The Conference adjourned in an atmosphere which could easily entail disruption of what had been so optimistically called "the first peace conference."—"Globe."

CHARGE AGAINST SADHONA BOSE

Alleged Violation Of Paper Control Order

Mrs. Sadhona Bose, Surendra Chamanlal Desai, Shankarlal Mawji Pandya and Keshavlal D. Shah were arrested under the Paper Control Order of Rule 81(4) of 121 of the Defence of India Rules, for exhibiting at a time more than ten posters, contents of which were relative to the programme of Mrs. Sadhona Bose and her ballet at Excelsior Theatre, and for affixing the said posters within 100 feet of the other identical posters and aiding and abetting one another in the commission of the offence, and were produced before Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court.

Mr. S. J. Rane conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Patel, Bar-at-Law, and Mr Dalal, counsel for the accused argued that the accused was principally concerned with the art of dancing for the dancing recital to be given on the 20th April, 1944, at the Excelsior Theatre and that she left the entire management in the hands of the contractors who had reasonably and in bonafides done all that they could to secure compliance with whatever rules bye-laws or notification that may have been promulgated for the purpose.

Mr. Dalal, Advocate on behalf of accused 2, 3 and 4 argued that they were independent of the first accused, in as much as they were only contractors and not her servants. He pleaded acquittal on grounds of "lawful excuse."

Mr Rane on behalf of the prosecution said that all the four accused aided and abetted in the commission of the offence.

The case stands adjourned to March 22.

TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICEMAN'S MURDER

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla and a Special Jury)

Emperor

vs.

Dasrath Ramnivas Misra ... Accused.

This was a retrial of the accused for having, on the night of 5th Feoruary, 1943 murdered a police constable named Yeshwant Bhikaji at Matunga by stabbing him with a knife. On 19th March 1943, the accused made a confession before the Coroner in which he stated that his associates had blamed him for having implicated certain innocent persons as saboteurs in order to get off when he had been arrested by the railway police, and his associates had told him that he could prove his innocence only by stabbing a policeman in uniform in the Matunga area. On 21st December, 1943, the accused has been acquitted by Mrs. Justice Sen agreeing with a majority verdict of the Jury. On appeal by Government, a Full Bench of our High Court set aside the order of acquittal on the ground that Mr. Justice Sen had misdirected the Jury, and ordered a retrial.

At the retrial, the prosecution sought to call as an additional witness, the Chief Presidency Magistrate to explain the circumstances under which he did not record the confession of the accused when he was brought to him for the purpose. Mr Justice Chagla ruled out the evidence on the ground that the prosecution could not, in fairness to the accused be permitted to call any witness unless that had so intimated at the commencement of the trial.

The Jury, by a majority of seven to two, found the accused guilty of murder with a recommendation for mercy. His Lordship sentenced him to transportation for life.

Mr. B. D. Boovariwalla instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. M. J. Gordhandas defended the accused.

Case Under Profiteering And Hoarding Ordinance

The case of Dr. M. Venkat Rao of Powells Ltd., and three others who were charged with selling savex tube for more than the controlled rate, under the Hoarding and Profiteering Ordinance of the Defence of India Rules and in aiding and abetting each other in the commission of the offence came up before Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court.

Pascal Jacinto, salesman of Powells Ltd., stated that he neither sold the savex tube nor received any money from the said customer.

Bhasker Laxman Dongre, who is in charge of the dispensary department denied to having committed any offence.

Dr. Venkat Rao stated that he did not know anything about the sale of the Savex tube in this case.

Mr. Y. R. Vaidya, Secretary, said that he had not committed any offence.

Barrister Ghaswalla appeared on behalf of the accused Mr. Vyavaharkar, conducted the prosecution.

The case stands adjourned to February 13.

VICEROY DISALLOWS

Quayum's Adjournment On Bombing Of Pathan Villages

NEW DELHI, Feb 8.

It is understood that Mr. Abd Quayum, M.L.A. (Congress) has received an intimation that the Governor-General has not given assent to his moving an adjournment motion in the Central Assembly on the bombing of Pathan villages.

Mr. Quayum sought to discuss the "intermittent bombing of Pathan villages north of Waziristan for five months by an air force, where are aged and infirm women, children, cattle and Muslim places of worship."—United Press.

TRAINING OF ARMY UNITS

Journalists Visit Poona Centre Of Instruction

The work done by the Southern Army Educational Centre at Yeravda, Poona, was shown to a band of Bombay journalists during their visit to Poona on Wednesday last through the courtesy of Lt. Hamied, Public Relations Officer, Bombay. The journalists started for Poona in the morning and after three hours' stay in that city returned to Bombay in the evening.

The specific aim of the Centre is to train instructors capable of instructing in their own units upto a particular standard. They come from the army after undergoing their initial training as recruits. At the Centre they receive instructions in Urdu, which is the standard language of the Army, mathematics, map-reading, Indian history and geography upto a standard, which is classified as the Third Class Certificate. Those who are capable and intelligent are provided with opportunities for studying to a higher standard, namely, second-class certificate, the subjects taught being the same.

The present Centre, which was opened at Mhow in 1940 was transferred to Poona in 1943. To date the instructors trained in the Urdu courses number more than 1,300 while more than 300 have attended for training as instructors in English.

In August 1944 a series of short war-time educational courses was initiated. These courses are designed to train Viceroy's Commissioned Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in the technique of the latest form of army training. The aim is to teach these key personnel of the Indian army how to digest the substance of the publications issued by the Army Directorate of Education, under the names of "Current Affairs" and "Winning of the Peace." The next step is to sit together and discuss controversial affairs without the accompaniment of heat or passion.

OCCUPATION OF MANILA VIRTUALLY COMPLETED

From Reuter's Special Correspondent, Manila Wednesday:

American troops have virtually completed the occupation of Manila apart from mopping up Japanese snipers and arson squad. The fort of Santiago was secured this morning after a 90 minute artillery bombardment. Santa Cruz and Jones bridges across the Pasig river were then secured and patrols pushed on into the southern section of the city.—Reuter.

DAMASCUS Feb. 8: Syria is establishing consulates in Bombay Rio de Janeiro, and Marseilles to assist commercial relationships.—Globe.

TRADE DISPUTES ACT

CALCUTTA Feb. 8: The Calcutta University has accepted a scheme forwarded by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research on rice for a period of three years and sanctioned a large amount for the purpose.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S SOLICITUDE FOR COLONIES' WELFARE

"Times" Repeats Stanley's Fallacies And Upholds Trusteeship Role

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The International importance of Colonial Development is stressed by "The Times" in a leader today on yesterday's debate in the Commons on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill.

Referring to the evolution of the British Colonial policy "The Times" writes: "What is new today is the view that it is part of the duty of Government to raise, broaden and stabilize standards of life. This principle, acquired in Britain through experience, is now, in the process of extension to the Colonial Empire; and establishment overseas, among the world's less advanced peoples, of the idea which has transformed social thought at home is one of the more significant developments even of this changeful time. The propagation of social ideals full of hope and promise to all mankind cannot be the concern of any one power. It is the common interest of civilization, as was explicitly recognized both at Hot Springs and at Dumbarton Oaks. But a special obligation attaches to the greatest of the Colonial Powers, and it is, therefore, important that the British Colonial policy should not be misrepresented.

STANLEY'S FALLACIES.

Fresh from a visit to the United States, Col. Stanley found it necessary to correct the impression that Britain draws from Colonies tribute which enables her to keep her own level of taxation low. Nor does this country monopolize Colonial markets: On the contrary she supplies less than a quarter of their imports. Doubtless an increase in their purchasing power would benefit Britain, but it would benefit the rest of the world also, and to this extent advancement of the dependent peoples is the world's concern. There is no call for a modification of old and deep political associations and loyalties. There is a call for recruitment of knowledge and enthusiasm, irrespective of its country of origin, and the present deficiency of expert advisers, to which Col. Stanley drew attention, is another reason which makes projects of Colonial Welfare and Developments a matter of international concern".

BRITAIN'S LEADERSHIP.

The "Times" concludes: "Finally, and perhaps most important of all, the policy requires the support of an interested public. Colonies stand at different levels of development and aptitude, and though in all or almost all of them there is manifest a new zeal for progress which will be quickened after the war when men trained in the forces return to their villages, Britain is the common source of leadership and aspiration. It will be a bad day for both the colonies and the mother country if men and women of Britain were content to leave determination, and, however lofty, his ideals. British knowledge of Colonies is still far too limited. The film, the Press, and an illustrated and well-written text-book can do much to extend it, and there is certainly much to be done".

Poona Municipal Workers Threaten Strike

POONA, Feb. 8.—About one thousand municipal employees have given one month's notice to the Municipal Chief Officer under the Trade Disputes Act of their decision to go on strike if their demands regarding dearness allowance, housing provincial cadre and cheap foodstuffs suppl not conceded.—United Press.

Miss L. Woodbridge Wins Ladies' Singles

MADRAS, Feb. 8: Miss L. Woodridge emerged out victorious in the finals of Ladies' Singles in the All-India Tennis Championships at the expense of the Ceylon champion, Miss Sansoni to-day.

Skim Milk Powder

"Only A Palliative & Poor Substitute"

City Fathers' Move To Postpone Enforcement Of Order On Hotels And Restaurants

A resolution requesting the Government to postpone the enforcement of the order requiring hotels, restaurants and other establishments to use only skim milk powder in the preparation of coffee, tea, etc., was moved by Mr. S. K. Patil, leader of the Congress Municipal Party, at a special meeting of the Municipal Corporation on Thursday.

A large number of persons interested in the milk trade crowded in and around the Corporation Hall.

The resolution stated that while the Corporation appreciate the anxiety of Government to make pure milk available for the Government Subsidised Milk Scheme, they view with grave concern Government orders prohibiting the use of milk in the preparation of tea, coffee, etc., by all hotels, restaurants and similar other establishments, inasmuch as the Corporation feel that skim milk powder is a poor substitute for milk having regard to the sentiments of the people against the same and the prejudicial effect it will have on the milk trade in the city.

"POSTPONE THE DATE"

The resolution further requested Government to postpone the date of enforcement of its orders and in the meanwhile explore all other avenues of augmenting the city's milk supply and lowering its price.

In moving the resolution Mr. Patil said the public mind was greatly agitated about the compulsory use of skim milk powder. He held no brief for the hotel-owners or the milk vendors but he was keen on seeing that the interests of the common man were not affected.

The normal daily consumption of milk in the city was 7.500 maunds. Out of this, the hotels and restaurants took in 2.825 maunds. The milk scheme when fully operated would require not more than 1.800 maunds.

IS SUBSTITUTE NECESSARY?

Mr. Patil did not want to enter into the question whether skim milk was a proper substitute for fresh milk. But he wanted to raise the question whether any substitute was necessary at all. He was of the view that it would have been wholly unnecessary if the Government had been alert and had taken steps betimes. It was true the population of the city had increased. But the increased population did not drop out of the sky. It was a gradual process and it was possible for Government to foresee the growth. How was it that Government suddenly realised that the supply of milk was inadequate.

"RECKLESS INFLATION"

He would go further and question the fact of inadequacy—at least its degree. If the supply was inadequate to some extent it could be made up by various means. The real question was one of prices which had soared. But for this, he held Government solely responsible. It was the policy of reckless inflation which was responsible for the high prices, not only of milk but of all essential commodities. As long as Government was printing currency notes with the ease of handbills it did not lie in its mouth to talk of high prices.

"ONLY A PALLIATIVE"

He felt that the present step was calculated to force the dealers to sell at an uneconomic rate, because milk was a perishable commodity. This was hardly the way to bring down prices. Skim milk, he thought, was only a palliative. What they wanted was better and more comprehensive plans.

Seconding the resolution Mr. M. M. Killedar said that the ultimate result of forcing dealers to sell at uneconomic rates would be that the import of fresh buffaloes would be stopped and the quantity of milk supplies would be reduced. He stated that already the number of buffaloes being sent out of Bombay under the salvage scheme had dropped as dealers thought it more economic to send them for slaughter.

COMMISSIONER EXPLAINS

Mr. Mirchandani, Municipal Commissioner denied the story that skim milk powder contained pig's milk. He also denied that surplus milk was going to the military. The military was taking only 250 maunds of milk. At present Government was taking only 385 maunds for the subsidised scheme. They contemplated extending it to children under ten. When the whole scheme was in operation it would take up a thousand maunds.

It was well-known that government was generally reluctant to interfere in trade. But they were being forced to do so. They were contemplating control of the entire milk trade; but they did not want to kill a trade which supplied an essential commodity. He said that steps had already been taken to establish a factory in Gujerat for the manufacture of skim milk powder.

The debate will be continued on Monday.

LONDON FINANCIER COMMITS SUICIDE

Was Chairman Of London Board Of Indian Iron And Steel Coy.

LONDON, Feb. 7: A verdict that Carl Bendix, London stock broker and financier, died of gun-shot wounds self inflicted while balance of his mind was disturbed was recorded at the inquest at North Leach, Gloucestershire last night. Bendix was 65. His wife whom he married in 1938 was widow of Sir Frank Meyer, Member of Parliament and Diamond Magnate. Bendix was chairman of the London Boards of the Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited and the Steel Corporation of Bengal Limited. Possibilities of industrial development in India attracted him greatly. Financing of the Steel Corporation of Bengal was one of his last ventures it took place just before war began.

Cost Of Living Increases In Britain By Only 33%

LONDON, Feb. 8.—While in India the cost of living has risen by 250 per cent and wages only about 50 per cent, it is interesting to compare this with the published cost of living returns for Britain which have been greatly discussed in this country.

Wage rates at the end of 1944 are said to be 45 or 46 per cent higher than when the war began, whereas during the same period the cost of living has risen by only 33 per cent.—United Press.

Empire Broadcasting Conference

LONDON, Feb. 8: Professor A. S. Bokhari Director-General of All-India Radio and the former chief of the British Broadcasting Corporation's Indian Service, C. W. Foyder, Chief Engineer and S. Gopalan Development and planning Officer will be the Indian delegates to the Conference convened in London on Feb. 15 to March 9 by the British Broadcasting Corporation to discuss post-war plans for broadcasting within the Empire.

The delegates from Dominions and Colonies will discuss ways and means of bringing closer co-operation between different services. Wave lengths, exchange of programmes, information regarding broadcasting, school and controversial broadcasting will be among the subject to be considered.—Reuter.

Cairo Talks On League Of Arab States

BEIRUT, Feb. 7: M. Enri Pharan Foreign Minister has decided to take part personally in the Cairo talks on the League of Arab States. He expected to leave about February 11 for Cairo. An official statement was made here to-day on behalf of the Lebanese Government to effect that the signatories of the Alexandria Protocol signed by all Arab States may conclude treaties with other powers without first obtaining the sanction of other signatories. This corrects the statement made by Mr. Camillie Chamoun, the Lebanese Minister in London.—Reuter.

Legislative Sanction For War-Time Controls?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI Feb. 7.

With the end of war in sight Government of India is examining what controls and powers be necessary in post-war period. A large number of powers have been assumed and controls introduced by ordinances. These ordinances will, "ipso facto" expire six months after the end of war. Recent examination will enable Government of India to bring necessary legislation before Central Assembly in respect of such powers and control which are regarded necessary in post-war period. This legislation however is not expected to come up this session. It is still in a formulative stage.

Assembly Interpellations

Bombay Explosions Claims

Additional Commissioner To Be Appointed To Deal With Uninsured Property

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

Rights of entry and of citizenship for Indians in U.S.A. were mentioned at question time in the Central Assembly, when it began its budget session to-day. Replying to Sardar Mangal Singh, the External Affairs Secretary, Sir Olaf Caroe stated that the latest information available to the Government of India was that six fresh bills for the grant of Indians, in greater or less degree, of citizenship rights and rights of entry in and to the United States had been introduced in the House of Representatives and the Senate, the bills previously introduced having lapsed with the dissolution of the Congress before the recent elections. All these bills had been referred to the appropriate committees of the Congress.

The Government of India, he added, were unable to say when the matter could be expected to be decided finally, but the Agent-General had impressed on the American Government the desirability of speedy action. Except in so far as the previous bills lapsed with the life of the last session of Congress, the Government of India were not aware that there was any hitch.

In reply to supplementaries, Sir Olaf stated that the Government of India took the initiative in raising the matter as soon as the U.S.A. Government passed the Act conferring rights of citizenship and of entry on the Chinese. The number of Indians on whom rights of citizenship would be conferred under the bills would be about 75 annually.

Replying to Mr. Abdul Qaiyum, Sir Olaf stated that the Agent-General continued to represent to the State Department of the U. S. Government the importance to India-American relations of early legislation to enable Indians to acquire these rights. The Agent-General's representations had been met sympathetically.

TATAS TO MANUFACTURE LOCOMOTIVES.

Negotiations with Tatas had been almost completed with regard to the manufacture of locomotive boilers as a war measure and of complete locomotives in the post-war period, but the contract had not yet been signed, said the War Transport Member, Sir Edward Benthal, in answer to Sardar Mangal Singh. Manufacture of locomotive boilers would begin immediately, and complete locomotives would be produced as soon as possible after the war. Arrangements were in hand for commencing the manufacture of locomotives and boilers at Kanchraparas as soon as possible after the war. In the forthcoming year, it was hoped to complete fifteen light broad gauge engines at Ajmer.

Mr. T. S. Avinashilingam Chetty asked if Government had considered the number of locomotives required in India and whether these could be manufactured in India or would have to be ordered from Overseas. Sir Edward replied that they might have to order a certain number of passenger locomotives after the war to make up for deficiency, but generally speaking, it was hoped to develop manufacturing capacity so as to make India self-sufficient.

Nineteen metre gauge locomotives had been built at Ajmer since the beginning of the war, the War Transport Member added in reply to Mr. Manu Subedar. The shops had mainly been engaged on essential maintenance work during the war. A proposal for the reconstruction of the shops after the war was under consideration, but this was for maintenance work, and not for the purpose of locomotive building.

Work on the preparation of detailed plans for the various shops and schedules of plant was well in hand, he went on. A number of indents for plant had been submitted. It was, however, not possible as yet to quote the prices of the plant or the estimated date of its delivery; but certain re-modelling would be necessary in these workshops, as soon as they could be released from essential war work, and it was anticipated that delivery of plant would be effected by the time this remodelling was complete.

As regards adequate transport for the civil population, Sir Edward stated that Government had taken necessary steps to increase the power, rolling stock and line capacity and import a large number of motor vehicles, in order to fit India as an important base in accordance with the requirements of the situation as estimated by military authorities. The plan included provision for the essential needs of industries and the civil population.

Indents for all imported machinery required for the locomotive boiler building project at Singhbhum had been placed and orders for the greater part of the heavy machines had already been placed for delivery ex-works during the next six months. An order for hundred boilers had been placed on these works and arrangements for the supply of material and components required for their manufacture from indigenous sources and Overseas were practically complete. Wheels and axles were being manufactured in India by the Tatas since the middle of 1945. Negotiations for the sale of the Singhbhum workshops to the Tatas were expected to be finalised shortly. Government had agreed to contribute forty per cent of the cost of the extension to Tatas' wheel, tyre and axle plant.

BOMBAY EXPLOSION CLAIMS

The War Transport Member replying to Mr. Manu Subedar gave figures of the claims registered and paid in respect of the Bombay explosion. The claims registered were as follows: (1) in respect of damage by fire or blast 3,083. (2) Under marine policies 679. (3) In respect of uninsured properties 11,735. (4) For personal injuries (uninsured) 466. (5) Claims covered by miscellaneous policies: negligible.

The total amounts were: (1) In respect of fire and blast damage Rs. 850 lakhs. (2) In respect of marine insurance Rs. 150 lakhs. (3) Personal injuries Rs. 13 lakhs. (4) Miscellaneous policies Rs. 4-1/2 lakhs. (5) Uninsured property Rs. 350/- lakhs.

Till about the end of January, claims had been passed for payment as follows: (1) Fire and blast 2,381 (2) Marine Risks 615. (3) Uninsured property 1,742. (4) Personal injuries 56. In respect of miscellaneous policies, practically all cases had been disposed of.

Government were not aware of any discontent with regard to delay in the settlement of claims, nor had there been any unreasonable delay since the number of claims registered up to the end of October, 1944, was negligible.

Of the 3,000 odd claims in respect of insured property for the aggregate amount of 8-1/2 crores, about 2,400 had already been disposed of involving payment of nearly six crores. All claims which were in order had been and were being expeditiously dealt with. There were however a number of cases where the claimants had not complied with the war risks insurance ordinance and pending investigation by the special war risks officer the settlement of such claims was inevitably delayed. Arrangements, however, had now been made for the payment of such claims on the claimant depositing 12-1/2 per cent of the amount of the claim to cover potential penalties. Government had decided to appoint an Additional Claims Commissioner to deal with claims in respect of uninsured property and the staff of the claims commissioners had been augmented to cope with the work.—A.P.

EXPLOSION COMPENSATION HARDSHIPS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

A Press Note says: "The Government have received representations from a number of associations and individuals that the scheme of compensation envisaged in the Bombay Explosion Compensation Ordinance 1944 has resulted in hardship for certain and hence the Government have decided to make 'ex gratia' payments to those who have submitted their claims within the time allowed by the Ordinance.

There will be no appeal against the decision of the Claims Committee or the Claims Commissioner on the applications for 'ex gratia' payments, but the Government reserve the right to revise any such decision or reject application without assigning any reason."—United Press.

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4. May not hold more than a certain amount of stock.
5. May not ordinarily refuse to sell.

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A consumer who is victimised, or who suspects an infringement, may report the case to the local authorities, or, if he prefers, to this Department.

The Ordinance allows for the summary trial of offenders, who may be punished by fine, by imprisonment upto 5 years, and by forfeiture of stocks or all three.

N.B. In certain cases the burden of proof lies on the accused; he has to prove his innocence, not the prosecution his guilt.

SIX OWNERS OF FIRMS CHALLANED

DEHRA DUN, Oct. 8—The proprietors of six prominent firms of Debra Dun have been challaned in the City Magistrate's court for breaches of the Hoarding and Profiteering Ordinance. In addition to these, 10 more shopkeepers have been convicted and sentenced to pay fines ranging from Rs. 35 to Rs. 1,000.

Convictions for hoarding and profiteering are growing daily. Government Inspectors are spreading into new areas.

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Small Improvement In Share Bazar

BULLION MARKET REACTS ON REALISING

Cotton Dull With Narrow Fluctuations

BOMBAY, February 8.

Under the influence of firmer conditions in the Bullion Market and further increase in currency, the Share Bazar ruled steady and both Steel and Textile Shares managed to record small improvements. However there was absence of buying urge but offerings were being absorbed and tone was steady.

The upward trend in the Bullion continued today and quotations reached higher levels but buyers were cautious. Later prices declined on realising.

Cotton Market was again dull with narrow price movement. Seeds Market was also dull with absence of demand.

The Share Bazar was fairly steady with a resricted turnover and there was scattered buying. The market was influenced by firmness of Bullion market but operators were not inclined to increase their risks. Tata Steel Dfd Shares opened at Rs. 2097 and improved to Rs. 2110 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 393 and after declining to Rs. 392 steadied at Rs. 393. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1795 and after declining to Rs. 1790 steadied at Rs. 1795. Kohinoor Mill Shares changed hands at Rs. 599. The market fluctuated within a narrow range under limited business.

In the absence of any important business active Shares remained unchanged. It was reported that Colaba Mills declared a dividend of Rs. 7 and quotation of Colaba Shares declined from Rs. 224 to Rs. 218 New City Mills and New Great Mills dividends were reported Rs. 20. The session was barely steady.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.
MILLS.
Ahmedabad Advance 443/12 46/4 45
Apollo 4/0/6 4/1/6 4/0/6
B. Dyeing 1787/8 92/8 85 92/8 88/12 1800 1792/8 97/8 90 98/12 91/4 93/12
Central India (Ord) 391/8 86/8 88 87 89 86/8 88/8 86/8
Century 902/8 7/8
Colaba 223 22 23 17 18
David 1400
Edward Textile 772/8 75 65 72/8
Elphinstone (Ord) 88
Elphinstone (Pref) 125
Finlay 303 299 304 303
Gokak 296/8 96 97/8 96 98/8 97 99 97/8
India United (Defd) 3/1 3/0/6 3/1 3/0/6
India United (Ordy) 14/15 14/13/6 14/15 14/14
Indore 705 10 698/12
Khatau 333/12 38/12
Kohinoor 597 99 97 98 95 98 97 601 598 600 595 600 598 99 97
Meyer 212/8 15/10 13/12 14/6
Morarjee 708/12
New City 410
New Great 385 87 83 99 93 96 91 92
Podar 340
Sassoon Silk 89/8
Sassoon Cotton 22/6
Shrinivas 350
Simplex 260 57 61 59/8 60/8 59 59/8 58 58/8
Swadeshi 538 36 37 35 37 36 38 35 38 35
Swan 320 19 24 22
Tata Mills 65 68/8
BANKS.
A. B. C. 36
Baroda 141
Central 80/8 80/12
Habib 79
Imperial (Old) 1985 82/8
Imperial (New) 491/4
India 190/8
Reserve 133 33/8
United Commercial 67/4
National Savings Bank F. P. 80
National Savings Bank P. P. 40
ELECTRIC COS.
Amalgamated (Ord) 18
Andhra Valley (Ord) 1810 8/12 11/4 10
Tram (Ord) 151 50/8 51
Tram (Pref) 72/8
Bombay Suburban 212/8
Hydro (Ord) 205/8 5
Tata Power 1877/8 85 80
INSURANCE COS.
British India 22/4
Empire 1000
Mercantile 71
Jupiter 35/12
New India 80 79/8 80
Bombay Steamer 570 65
Scindia 34 34/10 34/4 34/7 34/4
Tata Steel (Defd) 2092/8 2110 2092/8 2106/4 2100 2112/8 5 16/4 2/8 7/8 3/12 12/8 5 11/4 2096/4 97/8
Tata Steel (Ord) 391 93/8 90 93 92 94 91/8 93/8 90 90/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160/8 61 60/12
MISCELLANEOUS.
Alcock 441/4 40
A. Cement 228 27 28/8 26
Belapur 220
Burmah (Old) 550 52/8 50
Burmah (New) 210
B. B. Petrol 5/4/6 5/2 5/5
Dharamsey Chemical 51/4
Port Canning 105
P. Construction (Ord) 217 20 19/8 20/8 20
P. Construction (2nd Pref) 139/8
Shivrajpur 55/8 54/8 55/8 54/8
Tata Chemical (Ord) 20/6 20/8
Tata Chemical (Pref) 130
Tata Oil 69/8 69/4 70
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GOLD AND SILVER

Smart Rise In Quotations On Speculative Buying

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

The active and wide price movement under extensive speculative activity on the local bullion market clearly indicates that the long cherished hopes to stabilise quotations for Gold and Silver are not meeting any success. As a matter of fact the present selling method of Gold and Silver has given a full scoope to manipulators to dictate their own prices.

The market is becoming stormy with extensive speculative activity not only open buying and selling but even option business is being reported at times which is difficult to prove. It was reported that the market in Calcutta is cornered while prominent operators are actively engaged in pushing up quotations.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 124/4 and 10,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 71/10. These sales at present aim to check inflation but there seems to be little move to stabilise price by supplying to 'bonafide' consumers. These daily sales are absorbed by professional operators and there is utter absence of floating stock in the market to protect forward contracts. This way the market is being manipulated at the sweet will of big operators.

Today forward Gold opened at Rs. 71/2 and advanced to Rs. 72 and steadied at Rs. 71/14 Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 72/10.

Forward Silver opened at Rs 124 and advanced to Rs. 124/14 and steadied to Rs. 124/12. Spot Silver was quoted at Rs. 125/2.

The market ruled firm during the early part when Gold reached Rs. 72/4 and Silver Rs. 125/4. At this level bulls unloaded their purchases and quotations eased off. Closing quotations: Ready Silver Rs. 124/8, Forward Rs. 124/2. Ready Gold Rs. 71/12 Forward Rs. 71/4.

KORI EXCHANGE.
BHUJ, Feb. 8.

Hundi Koris 352 rate Silver Rs. 101/12 for 100 tolas. Gold Rs. 69/10 per tola.

Bombay Cotton

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

The local market opened today at Rs. 444 for March delivery and ruled quiet at Rs. 443/8 under scattered selling. Trading was restricted and as expected the market remained uninteresting.

Later on there was some long liquidation by tired bulls and March declined to Rs. 441/12. Scattered support again appeared and March rallied to Rs. 442/4. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	442	0	0
I.C.C. May	453	4	0
I.C.C. July	465	8	0

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March Contract is 478 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
Bombay, Feb. 7.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I.C.C. March	444/8	443	443/8
I.C.C. May	454/8	452/12	454
I.C.C. July	465/8	464	465/8
Karachi March	45/15	45/10	45/11/3

C. C. C. BUYING COTTON IN OPEN MARKET

Dribbling Price-Fixing

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.

Opening losses quietly extended with favourable war news and the possibilities of sudden peace moves and anti-legislative uncertainties restrictive features. In the afternoon prices were steady on dribbling price-fixing in near months and Commodity Credit Corporation announcement that it will buy 18,000 bales in open market for lend-lease purposes. The market closed steady.

Price movement was irregular. New months were steady but distants ruled quiet. March opened at 21.85 and July was quoted 21.35. Later under increased selling March option declined to 21.80. In the afternoon there was improved buying and March advanced to 21.91 which was the highest level. The session closed at a net gain of 4 points to a decline of 2 points. Spot Cotton price advanced 3 points at 22.21 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.

March	21.90+04
May	21.74+02
July	21.36—
October	20.72—01
December	20.63—02
January	20.57—02
March highest (2-41 p.m.)	21.91+05
March lowest (10-20 a.m.)	21.80—06
Middling Spot	22.21+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	21.82—03
May	21.74—02
July	21.38—03
Middling Spot	21.30—

NOON CALL

March	21.84
May	21.70
July	21.32

LONDON BULLION.
London, Feb. 7.

Spot 25-1/2, Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0

LONDON WHEAT.
London, Feb. 7.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) 41/3 quoted March, Wheat Australian (Bulk) unoffered, Wheat Australian (Bags) unoffered.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, Feb. 7.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-3/4, Consols 2-1/2 p c £32-3/8, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £106-7/8, War Loan 3-1/2 p c £104-15/16, Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £114-1/2, Victory Bonds 4 p c £112-7/8, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £10-3/4, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £86-1/2, National Bank of India £43.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS.
HAPUR, Feb. 8.

Wheat 10, Control Dara 9/12, Stock 525, Khattig Gram 7/12, Stock 47, Barley 7/4, Stock 156, Peas Khatti 6/4, Stock 136, Arhar 7/11, Stock 128, Maize 7/5, Juar 6/6, Bjara 7/8, Urd 13/5, Moong 10/10, Rapeseed 12, Oats 8/8, Gur Chikna 8/11, Fatwa 9, Arrivals 3,500 Mds, Guwar Falsakh 6/14/6, Bardana 83/6, Silver 126, Gold 71/12, Silver firm on speculative support despite favourable war news

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.
CALICUT, Feb. 8.

Cocoanuts Raw 80, Dry 80, Cocoanut Oil 365 Copra Office 220, Tellipasund 235, Madrasnottam 235, Good Gooda 220, Pepper Wynaad 375, Country 360, Dry Ginger Chernad 280, Ernad 265, Coffee Robusta 90.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.
AHMEDABAD, Feb. 8.

Shares moved both ways on general covering offset by tired liquidation. To-day's closing quotations:—

Calico 1403; Ambika 488; Old Commercial 485; Jupiter 362; New Commercial 722/8; New Textile 935; New Jahangir 1350; New National 400; Morris 165; Marsdon 193; Monogram 162; Rohit 370; Rajratna 279; Lal Mill 377/8; Vijay 475; Saraspur 595.

MONEY MARKET.
BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 1 and 2 months, 1/6 9/32 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/8.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 1/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet, dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

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CORRUPT PRACTICES IN GOVT. OFFICES ALLEGED

Assam League Council Demands Inquiry Into Govt. Food Procuring Agencies

TEZPUR (Assam), Feb. 6.

Resolutions demanding the immediate setting up of a committee to inquire into the working of Government food Procurement against in the Surma valley, banning leaders of the National War Front to become office-bearers of the Muslim League, urging Government to form a committee of officials and non-officials to investigate the alleged corrupt practices in Government omces and condemning the Government for supplying inadequate and bad quality foodstuffs to the people through controlled agencies were adopted at a meeting of the Assam Muslim League Council held at Gauhati under the presidency of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan.

The meeting also passed a resolution urging the settlement of all available lands with Muslim immigrants to Assam.—A. P.

'LIFT BLACK OUT' MOVE IN CALCUTTA

Mayor Promises To Take Matter To Authorities

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7.

A reference to the increasing number of deaths due to accidents in the streets of Calcutta was made at a meeting of the Calcutta Corporation today by Mr. B. N. Roy Choudhury.

In a view of the improved war situation in Burma, Mr. Roy Choudhury pleaded for relaxation of the lighting restrictions in the city.

The Mayor, Mr. Anandilal Poddar, said that he would take up the matter with the authorities.—A. P.

RLY. WORKERS DEMANDS NOT GRANTED

Orissa Assembly Members Deplore Attitude Of Govt. Of India

CUTTACK, Feb. 6.

Six members of the Orissa Legislative Assembly in a joint statement criticise the Government of India for their alleged failure to implement the just and reasonable demands of railway workers for the flat rate of dearness allowance of Rs. 45 a month. They also deplore that the Government have not yet made public the Gregory Committee report.

They express the belief that the Congress and Muslim League parties will fight for the just demands of railwaymen during the coming budget session of the Central Assembly.—A. P.

THANA LOCAL BOARD FINANCES

Increase In Grants Demanded

(From Our Correspondent.)

DAHANU, Feb. 6: Mr. V. V. Dandekar, M. L. A., President, Thana District Local Board, accompanied by the Chief Officer and the Executive Engineer of the said Board, waited upon Mr. Trotman-Commissioner, Northern Division, at Wada to discuss the financial condition of the said Board. The Board has to-day a deficit budget to the tune of Rs. 50,000. This deficit is mainly due to the dearness allowance granted to the employees working under the Board, as well as to the discontinuance of some grants like the Establishment Grant, Excise Grant, Cattle Pound dues, etc.

There is also a deficit to the extent of Rs. 75,000, in the budget of the Thana District School-Board. This is also due to the granting of D. A. to the School-Board Teachers as well as to the other employees of the School-Board. The contribution of the local authorities to the D. A. comes to Rs. 68,000.

The deputationists urged for a substantial increase in the Government grants and also pressed that the expenditure incurred on account of Dearness Allowance, should be entirely borne by the Provincial Government. The deputationists expressed their willingness to increase the ferry rates; they also pointed out some other sources of increasing the revenue of the Board. They also urged for the restoration of the grants which were discontinued as well as for an increase in the communication grant.

According to the deputationists, if the Government failed to come in time to the rescue of the Board, the Board will be compelled to discontinue some roads, reduce the number of schools and make a substantial reduction in the amenities provided for the general public. The Commissioner gave a very sympathetic listening to the deputationists and promised to help the Board as far as it lay within his power to do so.

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The powers and duties of the District Local Board of the Panch Mahals are to be exercised during its supersession by the following Committee of management:—The Supply Assistant Panch Mahals, (Ex-Officio (Chairman), Khan Saheb Abdulla Haji Isa Bhaga, Mr. Manilal H. Mehta, Haji Abdul Majid Adam Bhatuk, K. B. N. S. Kazi, R. B. A. S. Barot Rao Saheb Jiwanlal M. Patel, Mr. Vijaysingji Bharatsingji, Thakor Saheb of Eral, Mr. Chhotalal Ganpatram Thakore of Vejalpore, Mr. Shambhusinhji Jorawarsinhji, Thakor Saheb of Golana, and Mr. Turabajkhan Alafkhan.

How Madras Tackles Beggar Problem

MADRAS, Feb. 7.

A comprehensive scheme for tackling the beggar problem has been prepared by the Madras Corporation The scheme proposes for the construction of a home for beggars afflicted by leprosy, an industrial home for able bodied beggars and an infirmary for old and decripit beggars.

The Corporation has decided to approach the Madras Government to sanction them a loan of Rs. 83,000 to build an industrial home for able bodied beggars. As soon as its industrial home is built, the Government would pass a legislation empowering the Corporation to make the able bodied beggars reside in the home. Simple trades like mat making, basket making, etc., would be introduced in the home. The intention is to make them self-supporting ultimately.

Collections to the Corporation Commissioner's Poor Fund opened about three months back now total Rs. 1,70,000. This amount would be spent on constructing homes for homeless labourers. Half a dozen sites have already been selected and estimates and plans are being prepared.—United Press.

Rewards For Rescue Of Naval Survivors

The Government of India is offering rewards for the rescue of survivors from vessels of the Royal Indian Navy and personnel of the Royal Indian Navy from merchant ships; for rendering help to distressed vessels of the Royal Indian Navy; and for the salvage of service equipment. The rewards will be paid by the Naval Officers-in-Charge at the Indian ports.

For each person rescued alive, from sea or river, up to Rs. 100 will be paid, and for each dead body recovered, up to Rs. 50. These rewards will be subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 in any one incident in which more than 10 survivors are rescued from a lost ship.

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The following are the general principles which will be followed in fixing the sum to be paid: When the net sale proceeds of the property salved do not exceed Rs. 50, a sum not exceeding two-thirds of the proceeds; when the net proceeds exceed Rs. 50 but do not exceed Rs. 100, one half of the proceeds; when the net proceeds exceed Rs. 100, a sum not exceeding one-third of the proceeds.

NAGPUR, Feb. 6: "The persons committing this offence are enemy No. 1 of the Morality of Society and exhibit a peculiarly preverse and dangerous mentality which is abhored by one and all". In these words Mr. S. H. Aole, First Class Magistrate Khandwa, convicted and sentenced Munna to five years and three others to three years' rigorous imprisonment on charges of procuration of minor girls for immoral purpose and abetment of the crime.

CENTRAL GOVT. SERVANTS DEMAND LIVING WAGE

Rational Fixation Of Dearness Allowance Urged

For the first time in the history of Madras 14 Service Associations representing the Central Government Servants of all categories united and met at a Conference held recently under the presidency of Mr. N. M. Joshi, M. L. A. (Central) General Secretary of the All-India Trade Union Congress. Mr. S. Guruswami, General Secretary, All-India Railwaymen's Federation, and President of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Union, was among those present.

Mr. Mohamad Jabbar welcomed the leaders.

Mr. N. M. Joshi said that the Government as an employer should remove all their grievances but it had not done so. He compared the Government with a machine which required somebody to move it. For that the members of the Central Legislature were the best fitted. There were many members in the Central Assembly who were taking interest in their questions, but they must be put in full possession of the facts regarding their grievances, for which purpose, Mr. Joshi urged the sending of a delegation to New Delhi at the time of the budget session.

Mr. Joshi deplored the Government's lack of control to restrict the huge income got by contractors and merchants. Under the name of inflation they restricted the salaries of Government servants, which was not correct but very easy, for them to do.

Mr. S. Guruswami speaking next estimated that when normal conditions were restored after the war the cost of living would not go below 160 points. Therefore the revision of the basic scales of pay was long overdue.

LEPER COLONY IN MADRAS

MADRAS Feb. 8: A scheme for establishing a colony for settlement of the lepers in the City on an extensive area of thlery acres of land which has been donated by Dr. Alagappa Chettiar is being prepared by the Madras Corporation. It is proposed to spend three lakhs of rupees in this connection, and a provision will be made for the settlement of five hundred lepers. A hospital with fifty beds will also be attached to the colony.

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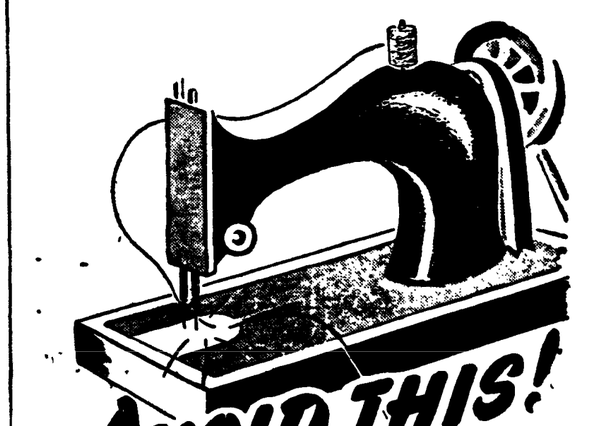

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